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Third,	1881..	St. Louis, Mo.	Fourteenth,	1892..	Lexington, Ky.
Fourth,	1882..	Nashville, Tenn.	Fifteenth,	1893..	Kansas City, Mo.
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WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

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MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART, Corresponding Secretary.

1899.

THE world is now more fully open to the gospel than ever before, and in consequence a more weighty responsibility rests upon the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of our Church. The Board needs only the burning zeal of St. Paul to enable it to enter every field. With the intense love of souls that throbbed in his heart there would come upon the home churches such a divine impulse that it would cause men to marvel; such holy zeal would animate the membership that it would not be stayed by any barriers of time or space. Work at home would be done in haste, while the fire would leap the oceans, climb the mountains, illuminate the isles of the sea, sweep with mighty power over all pagan lands, and turn the world "upside down," as in apostolic days, when Thessalonica was stirred to its center, and Europe and Asia were shaken as by a mighty spiritual earthquake.

The Board has reached its majority, and can look back upon a record very creditable, considering all its environments. Gratitude swells many hearts, because much has been achieved; but regret, with its humiliating touch, oppresses, because so much more might have been done. Rather than dwell upon the delinquencies of the past, there should be a hopeful forward look, with the fixed purpose of doing greater things. The work of foreign missions cannot stand still; advancement is the law of its life. What effects of our efforts can be seen in the fields entered? There may not be a very large number of conversions recorded, though thousands have passed from death unto life, and the representatives of the Board have the joy of knowing that they have not labored in vain in the Lord. The most marked change is perhaps in the attitude of the heathen whom we have sought to influence. Going among them, living beside them, showing Christian home life and Chris-

tian self-abnegation in their midst, have made them more tolerant, more willing to hear the divine message sent.

Twenty-one years ago many parts of China were closed, and all parts were suspicious of the new doctrine. The distribution of the Bible, of Christian tracts, of nearly all kinds of evangelistic work, was perilous. Now the Bible is tolerated in public places, and the discussion of its truths may be heard from palace to hovel, and native Bible women go from house to house with the sacred text in their hands and upon their lips, without fear of magisterial interference or of imperial edict. Korea has opened her gates, and is ready to drink from the waters of salvation opened in the house of our King. Korea wants Western civilization, and Western civilization is Christian. Japan has cast away her sullen hatred, and no longer forbids the mention of Christ at the point of the sword. Mexico now seldom vents her intolerance in death-dealing missiles and in prison bars. Brazil, though in the death grip of Romanism, is not afraid the gospel of an open Bible will damage its government. Cuba, though with feeble cries and famished ranks, calls for the bread of heaven as well as the bread so long withheld from her starving children. How changed the whole face of the world in these few years! How wonderful our opportunity!

What is our purpose as a Woman's Board in the face of such? Some one has said: "The present crisis in the mission field exceeds, for grandeur of opportunity and for failure adequately to meet it, any crisis of previous history." Are we ready to say that we have done our best? that we can do no more? that other organizations are invading our ranks and capturing women from our hosts, leaving us shorn of strength, not well equipped for a campaign where the odds are against us? Shall any enterprise, no matter how important, how attractive, weaken faith and tear away the laurels already won? The promises of God are "yea and amen in Christ Jesus," so that those who are with us are far more powerful than those that are against us.

The Board has not increased numerically, but is stronger, because better informed and of larger experience. There are still only thirty-four regularly organized Conference Societies, though a very promising organization in Denver points to the time when that Conference Society will again fall into line. There are 270 districts, 3,543 auxiliaries, and 72,342 members.

Literature.—An advance movement may be noted in this department of work. The second edition of the "Oak Street Missionary

Society," by Miss Jane Brown, came from the press last fall. A beautiful booklet, "Memorial of Miss Dora Rankin," by Mrs. E. D. Fielder, was prepared and issued about Christmas time; and "Dawn on the Hills of T'ang," by Mr. Harlan P. Beach, which came out in paper binding for the use of our Board, about the same time, have all had a very creditable circulation. Besides these volumes, "Studies in Missions" (by Mrs. F. A. Butler), "Sketches of Korea" (by Gale), "Decade of Missions" (by Miss N. E. Holding), and other valuable missionary literature, are having favor among the auxiliaries.

The two periodicals of the Board have been pushing their way in spite of the myriad sheets of other cheap literature that are being issued. Some of these little papers are helpful, and are not intended to interfere with the official organs of the Board. The *Woman's Missionary Advocate* has a circulation of 12,000. The paper has lost nothing in literary merit, and deserves a larger circulation, if the work of foreign missions makes rapid advancement. The *Little Worker*, which started out last summer at reduced subscription rates, has a pay roll of 15,606. Leaflets are in demand, and continue to give information, inspire zeal, and create enthusiasm.

STATISTICS OF FOREIGN WORK.

Fifty-three missionaries have been sent to the field. These are ably assisted by 159 teachers, foreign and native. There are 14 boarding schools, with a patronage of 727, and 61 day schools, with 3,511 pupils. The boarding schools have 94 Christian pupils; these and the day school Christian pupils make 424 in the schools, with a total of 4,238 pupils under Christian instruction. There are also 4 kindergartens, 3 hospitals, 2 Bible colleges, 114 scholarships, 56 Bible women, with 16 buildings owned by the Woman's Board, at a total value of $388,727.70. There can be no estimate as to the numbers reached through the schools and Bible women, but thousands are feeling the elevating influence.

The special fields occupied are:

China.

At this time the eyes of the world are centered upon China. To dismember the empire, and repeat the history of Poland, is advocated by extremists; to force upon the palace the demands of avaricious statesmen, and make a new China, dominated by foreigners, is in the thought of others; and to overturn the present dynasty, and oust all foreigners, is in the heart of the unreformed Chi-

nese themselves. The empire is stirred from center to circumference, the emperor a state prisoner, the Empress Dowager, with her hard hand upon the helm, hopes to right the old ship of state and bring her into a quiet harbor. In the midst of this turmoil the champions of the cross are confidently expecting the furtherance of the gospel. They know that the God of nations is guiding affairs, that those who labor in his name, whose purpose is the evangelization of China, shall accomplish that whereunto they were sent.

The new Bible College at Sung-Kiang—the Hayes-Wilkins Memorial—has been completed, and was dedicated last October by Bishop A. W. Wilson. This is a beautiful building, with its tastefully arranged Melissa Baker Chapel, which has already been sanctified through the incense of prayer and praise. In Shanghai the plans for the McGavock Memorial have been submitted, and soon this monument to the memory of our beloved Corresponding Secretary of the Board will open its doors to the higher education of Chinese girls. The extension in Shanghai at Hangkew has opened a large work in that section of the city.

The improvements in Nantziang increase the facilities for more effective operations. The Soochow Mission has made great advancement, and the outlook from schools, hospitals, and Bible college is more encouraging than ever before. *Self-support* is advocated, and, wherever possible, is enforced; but no effort is being made to retard the spread of Christian education, or unnecessarily burden or hinder the missionaries by severe measures in the important work.

Bible Women.—More and more do these native evangelists promote the cause of Christ. Few, if any, well-equipped, thoroughly consecrated women who have felt the joys of such Christian service have failed in deeds of self-forgetfulness, self-sacrifice, and love, as they walk the round from home to home, with the inspired word on their lips.

Korea.—This mountainous peninsula, with an area of ninety thousand square miles, with its great stretch of coast line, its variety of climate; its winter snows and summer flowers; its rich and fertile soil, producing wheat and barley; its rice and millet and its rich minerals, is in danger of a terrific upheaval. The recent disturbances have been followed by an ominous calm. The emperor, blinded by his ignorance, and impelled by his ambition, is seeking to establish himself by banishing patriots and suppressing the voices of wise, experienced statesmen. Missionaries have been apprehensive, and, ordered by their governments, have unfurled

their national flags for safety, and, so far, have suffered no loss; but the end is not yet. Jesus said, "I came to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother," etc.; so that the conflict because of the entrance of Christianity may overturn the dynasties of the whole of heathendom, unless resistance to the truth ceases. Miss Hinds and Mrs. Campbell, who represent the Board in Korea, are gathering about the newly opened schools eager women and children who clamor for a new learning that promises them honor and happiness.

Mexico.

This great republic has been making a forward movement throughout the year. When war was declared between the United States and Spain the race ties showed some signs of active sympathy, but the quick work at Santiago de Cuba somewhat allayed the desire to rush to the rescue, and the rising tide of Spanish patriotism subsided. The priesthood holds sway still; but the quiet force growing out of our schools and evangelical agencies is loosening their grip here and there, and the dawn is steadily ushering in the bright day that will witness emancipation from spiritual darkness. All the schools under the Board have steadily grown in numbers and influence as well as in spiritual power. The number in our Sunday schools and congregations, as well as the number of communicants in the churches, shows most gratifying growth. The work of the Bible women continues, not only as a satisfactory recruiting agency, but a power in deepening the spiritual life of the home. The people, the great mass of them, are poor, and cannot yet awhile be relied on to assist much in the way of self-support. Some of the women, by their self-sacrifice and devotion, stir our flagging zeal when their deeds of faith and love are known.

Brazil.

This country, vast in extent, vast in population, mighty in resources, and beautiful in field and grove, sunshine and sky, has not yet awakened to the full realization of the glorious future that will open up when Romanism dies and the cross triumphs. A strong force is needed in this field, as in all the others, if we follow the openings made by our missionaries, and strengthen the stations already occupied. The battle still rages between ignorance and priestcraft and Christian liberty and the open Bible. Brazil, as well as China, Korea, and Mexico, must be presented pure and spotless in that *great day*.

Indian Missions.

The work in this field has had to make some fight against Romanists as well as medicine men. An open enemy is better than a secret foe, and the boldness of the Roman priesthood seems to indicate a desperation born of a threatened loss. When the heavy hand of the Mary worshipers feels no uprisings, there is little for us to hope, but the throbbings of awakened souls who want light and knowledge at once arouses action. There is no discouraging feature in the mission. At Anadarko, as well as at Mount Scott and Fort Sill, many of the sons of the forest are coming to Christ. The new hospital erected through the self-denying love and persistent energy of Miss Brewster does not meet the approbation of the medicine men. When they know more they will change their minds.

Extension of Work.

When active hostilities ceased, the Senior Secretary of the Board of Missions, with Bishop Candler, made a prospective tour of Cuba. The results of that tour were made known through the Church papers and our missionary magazines. It was decided by Dr. Lambuth that, all things considered, Santiago was the best center for our Board, in opening the campaign. The sanitary conditions were better, the political aspect was favorable, and the needs of the people as great as anywhere else in a land stricken in spirit and stripped of everything that makes life desirable. A house was rented. Mrs. Pelot, a consecrated Methodist, whose heart had long yearned for missionary work, at once prepared to occupy a part of the rented house, and look up pupils for a school. Miss H. G. Carson was transferred from Durango, Mexico, and went on as soon as the transfer was possible, and has charge of the mission. This field is white unto the harvest, the inhabitants are ready to cooperate, and a deep concern is felt throughout our Church to see a downtrodden people righted of their wrongs, compensated for their oppression, and made happy by the possession of gospel privilege. Our government broke the shackles of Spanish misrule. Shall we not help to free them from the dominion of superstition and spiritual bondage?

CHINA.

MONGOLIA
PEKING
Gulf of Peh-chi-li
YELLOW SEA
SHANTUNG
HO-NAN
CHINA
HUPEH
NANKING
SU-CHAU
SHANGHAI
NING-PO
CHE-KIANG
KWEI-CHAU
HUNAN
FUH-KIEN
AMOY
KWANG-SI
KWANG-TUNG
CANTON
TONG-KING
HAI-NAN
FORMOSA
ENGLAND on Same Scale
WALES
ENGLAND
Scale of English Miles.
China Inland

McTyeire School, Trinity Home and Church, Shanghai, China.

REPORT OF FOREIGN WORK.

OFFICIAL.

CHINA.

WORK OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OPENED IN 1878.

Shanghai District.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS LAURA A. HAYGOOD,
MISS HELEN RICHARDSON,
MISS MARY RICHARDSON,
MISS MINNIE BOMAR,
MISS EMMA GARY,
MISS LOCHIE RANKIN,
MISS ELLA R. COFFEY,
MISS ELIZABETH HUGHES,
MISS ELLA LEVERITT,
MISS JOHNNIE SANDERS,
MISS MARY M. TARRANT.

Work in charge of wives of missionaries.

MRS. A. P. PARKER, MRS. N. L. PARKER, AND MRS. A. G. BURKE.

Work of the Woman's Board opened first in Shanghai, which continues the center or headquarters. Here are located McTyeire Home and School, Clopton and Trinity Schools, and here is located the McGavock Memorial. Flourishing day schools, taught by natives trained in the mission schools, superintended by the missionaries, are accomplishing much. Among these may be noted the Florida Orange Blossoms, the South Carolina Palmetto School, and the Lucy Fant School, of Mississippi. About sixteen miles from Shanghai is Nantziang, and eight miles beyond Nantziang is Kading. The schools in these cities are under the foresight of Miss Lochie Rankin, with whom Miss Ella R. Coffey is associated. The work in these places, under such able management, has greatly prospered during the year. One of the school buildings being condemned as unsafe, a new one was erected, which adds greatly to the comfort as well as convenience of both pupils and teachers.

Sung-Kiang, also a part of the Shanghai District, and about sixteen miles away, lies in an opposite direction from Nantziang. Here may be found the Hayes-Wilkins Memorial, a new building for the training of Bible women. The dedicatory services were conducted by Bishop Wilson last fall. There are six rooms in this, besides kitchen, pantry, and servants' quarters, as a home for the ladies in charge. One of these rooms has been beautifully furnished by a gift

from Wagoner Place Auxiliary, St. Louis, Mo., and is known as the "Susie McMillion Room." Three other rooms were also furnished by special gifts. The beautiful chapel, called "Melissa Baker," was furnished by the Baltimore Conference Society, in honor of one of its most faithful, active members. In this chapel will be held the Bible institutes as well as the daily devotional exercises. Class rooms, bed rooms, cook room, and dining room for Bible women and pupils living in the building, are in an annex, but immediately connected with the main part. No work connected with the Mission gives greater promise than the training of native women to teach the Bible in the homes of the people.

Miss Laura A. Haygood writes hopefully of the outlook of each station under her supervision. She has given out the contract for the McGavock Memorial, all the plans as well as the supervision of the whole being in the hands of a foreign architect. The schools have all been full to overflowing, and only lack of accommodations has prevented McTyeire Home and School from having double its present patronage. McTyeire School has a good faculty. Besides four regular missionary teachers, there are four native teachers, two of whom were educated at Clopton School, and one, "Lizzie Avis," by Miss Rankin. Miss Emma Gary, who has had the care of Mrs. A. P. Parker's work at Hankew, writes of the growth of the schools and of the Bible woman's work most encouragingly. She, as indeed all our missionaries, has been greatly benefited and delighted to have Bishop Wilson's presence. He visited each station, and reports the results of his observations thus: "All the ladies have been active, diligent, and faithful, and have not labored in vain. All are in fair health except Miss Hughes, who has been kept up only by her indomitable will. She has been appointed to Sung-Kiang, with the hope of the change doing her good. At Sung-Kiang she will be freed from the unceasing strain and pressure of work at Clopton School. I feel quite sure that her want of health is due to the very unsatisfactory condition of the house at Trinity and Clopton School. The house in which she and Miss Bomar have been living has been standing about forty years, an unusual length of time for a Chinese-built house. The changes produced by floods have left the base of the house below the surface, so that the walls are always damp and the air charged with odors of decay. The expenditure for repairs would be useless. The only thing to be done is to pull down and rebuild. This is by far the most urgent call made upon the Board. It is next door to manslaughter to leave

the missionaries in that house another day longer than can be helped. This building is needed, and a damage to the work would result if allowed to go down. The school at this point is worth much more to the cause of Christ than its statistics show, or than can be reckoned in money value. To close this school would, I think, soon lead to the sale of Trinity Church, now one of our most active, influential evangelical centers in Shanghai, and close the way to that and woman's work among a dense mass of Chinese. Miss Haygood has a very excellent plan for a new building, which provides ample accommodations for the ladies and pupils, with great economy of space."

Miss Alice Waters writes as follows from Shanghai:

Our holidays are over. Miss Atkinson and Miss Williams left us yesterday, ready to open their work to-morrow. My schools opened yesterday. It has been pouring rain almost incessantly yesterday and to-day. Notwithstanding the rain, the day schools opened with a fairly good attendance and a number of new pupils.

Palmetto School was not so good. A number of the older boys left to study in larger schools. Some are to enter school at the Anglo-Chinese College, some go to Soochow, and some go to St. John's College. For all new pupils the tuition has been doubled, and of course that will have some effect on the attendance.

Until China New Year I have given my mornings to teaching English in this school, and have found many opportunities for sowing seeds of truth. The boys for the most part are very susceptible to Christian teaching. More than half of them at the close of last term were either Church members or probationers, and all are active members of the Epworth League, which meets in the schoolroom every Saturday morning. The two native pastors always attend, and Brother Hendry is often present. Their presence is a great encouragement and help to the boys.

I have spent one afternoon each week examining the Christian books which have been taught daily through the week by the native teacher, who is one of the old students of Buffington College, in Soochow, and is proving himself to be a valuable teacher and Christian worker.

Miss Mary Richardson is to have the English in the school from this time.

At Conference I was appointed to the day schools, and Miss Sanders to woman's work, but afterwards it was thought best to divide the day schools, giving her those near Trinity Church, and giving me charge of those near Central Church, and we are to do what woman's work we can in connection with the day schools. Up to this time my mornings have been taken up with the English in Palmetto School, and my afternoons have been given to the day schools, so I have given no time as yet to house-to-house visiting. One afternoon a week a meeting for outside women has been held in one of the day school rooms.

I am well and happy, and have never enjoyed work in China more than I have during the last three months.

Nantziang and Kading.

Bishop Wilson, in writing of Nantziang, said: "I was in Nantziang last week. The ladies are doing well in their schools, and ought to have the help they need in enlarging their facilities."

Miss Rankin and Miss Coffey are doing the best possible in building up and strengthening the work in Kading, as well as in Nantziang. Interesting reports from each may be found below.

Miss Rankin writes:

Anglo-Chinese Schools and Woman's Work, Nantziang.

The work of the past year has been ideal in that it has touched all classes and conditions of men, women, and children.

We have walked along the borders of the shadowy vale more than once, giving back to Him who gave our youngest and best among the workers. With aching hearts we struggled on, bearing as best we could the added burdens that fell so heavily upon the bereaved church in Nantziang. The depleted ranks have filled up, though slowly, and the new workers are trying hard to adjust themselves to the work. There have been days of gladness and rejoicing, for a few names have been added to the church roll, and many have expressed a desire to flee from the "wrath to come."

Despite the many difficulties that have arisen on account of changes in teachers and an unsafe building, the schools have been full and the average attendance unusually good. The class work has been the best ever done by the Nantziang pupils, and there is every hope that there will be continued improvement along these lines during the present year. The pupils have taken more interest in their scientific studies than heretofore. Everything is translated into the vernacular, unless taught from native books, and this method almost doubles the teacher's class work.

Usually the school days are uneventful, though full of hard work which would often seem drudgery but for His sake for whom all our work is done. Sometimes despair creeps very close when the highest grammar class asserts that "Oxen is a flock of ox," and the oldest Bible students confidently request to be told the name of Cain's wife. Still the sunshiny days, full of hope and encouragement, far outnumber the gloomy ones, and, with a new school building, well lighted, well ventilated, and only a few steps from the Home, we begin the new year with glad, grateful, hopeful hearts.

There will be six departments or class rooms in the regular Anglo-Chinese School, and one native teacher in each. Each teacher is to have no less than twenty and no more than twenty-five pupils. There is to be an annex for boys under ten in a rented building near the center of the town, and another for girls who wish to study English in the Ladies' Home.

We, with all the people of Nantziang, are deeply grateful to the Board and friends who so generously provided the means with which to build the new school, and we desire herewith to return our heartfelt thanks to those

who responded so promptly to our call for help. Only those who have lived in China can realize the value of a south front, plenty of light, and a verandah. The new building has all of these, and we beg that you give us freely of your prayers in behalf of all who come within its walls, that the "Light of the world" may shine upon all, pupils and teachers, and every shadow of sin and superstition flee away.

Miss Coffey says:

My part of Nantziang and Kading work has changed so much since Conference that it may be best for me to give a full list of schools, Bible women, and scholarship pupils, that you may be familiar with them. There will be ten schools instead of the eight that I mentioned in my last letter. It seemed best to reopen two boys' schools.

Schools supported by the Virginia Conference Auxiliary: (1) Eliza Walker, Miss Lee, teacher; (2) J. B. Bailey, Mrs. Nie, teacher; (3) Hall, Mrs. Tsih, teacher; (4) Spooner, Miss Wong, teacher; (5) Davis, Mr. Nye, teacher; (6) Manchester, Mrs. Li, teacher; (7) Danville, Mrs. Ké; teacher; (8) Emma Cheatham, Mr. Tsang, teacher; (9 and 10) Kading boys' schools, teachers not decided.

Six of these schools are for girls only. One is a mixed school. Two are for boys only. One has no girls yet, but it is open to them. Two very urgent requests for schools have been referred to future dates.

In the Emma Cheatham School there are ten scholarship pupils. This is a boarding school.

Scholarship pupils supported by some of the Virginia Conference Auxiliaries: (1) Virginia Randolph, Zie Mindi; (2) Annie Hall, Yang Chidi; (3) Minnie Gregory, Koo Ammaz; (4) Georgia Quinby, Wong Lohban; (5) Virginia Hope, Mau Baume: (6) Lizzie Starr, Zie Lingdi; (7) Lizzie Horton, Tsian Atsun; (8) Emma Ivey, Dau Assai; (9) Emma Cheatham, Tsang Ahdoo; (10) J. H. Bailey, Li Assung.

As the Chinese count age, these pupils are from nine to sixteen.

Bible women: (1) Lyda Coleman, Mrs. Zie, supported by the Mississippi Conference; (2) Maria Bain, Mrs. Loh, supported by the Virginia Conference; Kate Ley, supported by the Virginia Conference; (4) Mrs. Tsian, who was supported by the Epworth Auxiliary, Norfolk, Va., has gone to help her son, who is a minister in the China Mission Conference. It is hoped that a former pupil of Pleasant College can take her work. Happy is the worker who can procure her help, for she is very efficient, and has had much experience.

There has been much to make us rejoice, and little to make us sad. The women seem more approachable; they do more thinking, ask more questions, and listen more attentively than formerly. The pupils, like most little folks, are very near to God, and their sentence prayers and artless questions are a perpetual inspiraton. No one can keep them away from Jesus, but many of them are kept out of the Church by relatives who do not understand.

We hope to do as Bishop Wilson advised—"Go with the Bible woman on the first visit to each home" and village, "and let her go alone after that"—

unless it seems best to go oftener. They do very good work, and can suit the message to the capacity of the hearer.

Miss Rankin's training class for Bible women and others has done much to prepare them for actual work.

At the last annual meeting Miss Hughes was appointed to reenforce the Sung-Kiang Mission. Miss Leveritt had been doing a fine work there, but was in need of help, especially as the Hayes-Wilkins Bible School had been opened. Of this school Bishop Wilson said: "The building is an excellent one, provided with everything necessary for worship, for school, and for Bible women. The situation is very good, the best that could have been selected. It is convenient, open to light and air, with ample room. The money could not have been used to better advantage."

In writing of the "Jubilee Conference," held in Shanghai, the Bishop said: "All the ladies of the mission contributed in no small measure to the interest. Mrs. Lambuth came from Japan to take part, and gave an account of the work she and others did in the days long before the Woman's Board had been organized. Many of the native women whom she trained are in the work, and greeted her with all the warmth of genuine affection."

Miss Hughes says:

It is just two months ago to-day since I arrived at this station, coming down for the first time after my appointment. I believe I have sent you but one short letter during that time. You know, of course, that I was pretty much of an invalid when I first came down, not being strong enough during the first few weeks to even attend the meetings for the women which are held here several times each week. I have since grown much stronger, and since the middle of December have not only been able to attend these meetings regularly, but to take active part in the same. It is a great joy to be able to work, even a little, after so many weeks of invalidism. The daily lessons with the Bible women have for some weeks fallen to me. Miss Leveritt kindly continued them until I was strong enough to take them up.

China New Year is now close at hand. It occurs this year February 10. According to regular custom, a few weeks' holiday must be given at that time. I shall go down to Shanghai for a part of the vacation. After it is over I hope to engage more actively and vigorously in the work than it has been possible for me to do hitherto. There is much to be done on every hand, opportunities reaching far beyond one's limited strength. I have not yet told you how comfortably I am settled in the new home here. The plan of the house is good, both in Bible woman's department and in our own private rooms. Women still come in large numbers to the meetings, and are as ready as ever to receive the Bible women when they visit them at their homes. Seeds are being sown in many hearts, and we hope for a speedy and abundant harvest.

Bishop Wilson spent about ten days here. His presence was a benediction to us all.

Miss Ella Leveritt, who had been alone at Sung-Kiang for some months previous to the annual meeting in October last, was brave and faithful in the discharge of duty, and rejoices at the appointment of a colaborer in the person of Miss Elizabeth Hughes. Miss Leveritt writes from Shanghai, where she was spending the Chinese New Year.

Last year, when everything seemed to turn backward, and I was left alone with all the work of Sung-Kiang and my study, and only a babe in the work, I said at first: "There is no use in staying. I'll just go away. I cannot stay." Then came these words: "*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*" Would that I could tell you of the joy and *peace* that came into my soul and kept me from worry all these days. And by the same *Hand* cometh strength for the body as well as for the soul.

Friday evening, while at McTyeire, all came together and spent a most delightful hour before prayer meeting. Bishop Wilson conducted the meeting, and we did have *truly* a feast of soul—a meeting that will not be forgotten, but will long be remembered. The Bishop preached on Sunday morning. An excellent sermon it was. We who sat and listened to him knew that the Spirit was with him. We all followed him from the services to the tug; and as we sat waiting for the whistle to blow, he began singing, "The God of Abraham praise," and sung the first and fourth verses. And he did sing it so sweetly! The thought of seeing him when we come home will add another joy to the home-coming.

The Chinese woman of whom I spoke seems really to be seeking the truth. I love to visit these Chinese women and tell them of Jesus and his *love* and *saving power*.

Just before the Chinese New Year is an interesting time, because a general *cleaning* time. The children come out on New Year morning clean. And such bright dresses as they do wear!

We are in the midst of unquietness just now, and do not know what turn the Chinese may take, and what the end may be; but we do know that we are just where the Lord placed us, and that here we will stand until he calls us to move. More than ever I rejoice that China *is* my field of labor. It is not a task to love the Chinese, but a joy.

Soochow District.

MISSIONARIES.

Miss Virginia Atkinson,
Mrs. Martha Pyles,*
Miss Lizzie Martin,
Miss Clara Steger,
Miss Susie E. Williams,
Mrs. Julia A. Gaither,
Dr. Margaret Polk.

The future at Soochow never seemed so bright. The past year has been the best in its history. Besides the flourishing day schools, the Woman's Board has a well-established, successful boarding school, the Mary Lambuth, which has had an enrollment of forty pupils. During Miss Pyles's rest at home, this year, this school is under the special care of Miss Steger. The Woman's Hospital and the Mary Black Memorial—the children's hospital—in charge of Dr. Margaret Polk, have never had a more prosperous year. Many thousand cases have been treated, and only the limited supply of physicians and nurses prevented a greater work. The Davidson Memorial Bible School, under Mrs. Julia Gaither's supervision, is strengthening evangelistic agencies, and preparing Bible women for their work.

Miss Atkinson's work, Miss Haygood writes, is developing beautifully. Since Conference a church has been organized which meets in the chapel of her school. Already there are thirty members, most of whom have been brought in through the schools, and the native members have been from the first supporting the native pastor. The presiding elder, Mr. Hearn, thinks it a very promising church. Miss Atkinson writes most encouragingly, and says:

We are in the midst of our Chinese New Year, and I have time to tell you something of our pupils, teachers, and Bible women, whose photographs I send by this mail. We have five pupil-teachers who grew up in the school, and continue some of their own studies while assisting in teaching. Of the five Bible woman regularly at work in this part of the city, three of them live in the house with Miss Williams and myself; the other two help us beautifully in our woman's work. One of these, Mrs. Sung, was educated at Pleasant College under Miss Rankin's care, and we have no better Bible woman. Mrs. Li, the wife of the head teacher, was educated at the Mary Lambuth School, first under Miss Philips, next under Mrs. Campbell, completing her studies under Miss Pyles. She is teaching our little girls' school in the house with us, and though young and extremely timid, is a very capable and useful woman. Miss Ng is our home Bible woman, whom I found in a Shanghai day school. Her extraordinary mind so attracted me that I put her in McTyeire School, where she remained four years, and as a worker now exceeds my best hopes. She is deeply spiritual and invaluable to us.

* Home on leave.

She is supported by the Shreveport (La.) Auxiliary, and they have reason to be proud of her. Mrs. Zak is our senior Bible woman and is supported by Elm Street Church, Nashville, Tenn., and is called "Kate Roberts." She makes friends readily, and is trusted and loved everywhere. Mrs. Ng is also with us, and is supported by Grace Church, Atlanta, Ga. She began coming to our woman's meetings about the time her daughter was converted, and before she entered the Church.

Mrs. Julia Gaither gives the following interesting account of her part of the Soochow work:

THE DAVIDSON MEMORIAL BIBLE COLLEGE.

I am so glad to make so good a report of the Davidson Memorial Bible School. The women have been faithful and are doing well. They have commenced the course of study that was decided upon at Conference, and are making fine progress. They have already finished several books. I want all who can to finish the whole course, so they may be efficient workers. With this Bible School and the one in Sung-Kiang I hope the day is not far distant when every station will be supplied with Bible women. Nearly all the day pupils in the school have done well. One has read through one book and has commenced another. The day pupils come and go; but if this one continues to study, she will soon be able to read the Bible for herself. She is a probationer, and I hope will ere long be prepared to join the Church. There is much in the work to give encouragement. Numbers hear the doctrine in the home. We often have a Bible woman to spend the night and be present at the meeting next morning. A woman from Waung-daung spent a short time in the Home not long since. A widow called to see me a few days ago. I am quite interested in her. She is about fourty-four years of age and has no children. She is of the official class and seems to be an unusually nice heathen woman. About one inch of her third finger has been cut off to make soup for her sick father to eat. All remedies used had failed to heal his disease. She showed the stump of her finger to me and told me this herself. Such an act is *considered very filial.* She wears a most beautiful silver shield, several inches long, over it, such as Chinese women wear to protect their long finger nails from being broken off. I am hoping, if for the best, that this woman will come to the Bible school. She has already expressed a desire to do so and to pay all her expenses. However, I think she will have difficulties to contend with. She speaks Mandarin and is, I presume, well educated.

After the summer vacation I refused to let one of the pupils return. I do not think she would ever develop into an earnest worker, and she can get help where she is. This work must grow gradually. It would not do to take a woman in the school that would injure the good influence going out from the Home. I have a class of probationers who are very faithful in coming to the prayer meeting. I think they would all gladly join the Church now, but I think they had better wait awhile. One of them is to be married very soon to a heathen man, and he doubtless would, at that time, compel her to worship her ancestors. The poor Chinese women have

so many difficulties to contend with, but Jesus knows them all. The Holy Spirit can teach them, and change their hearts in a very short time and turn them to the Lord their God.

I know you will be glad to hear of the prosperity of my dear little school at Waung-daung. The teacher had twenty-eight pupils, but two of them moved to Soochow, so we now have twenty-six. They came in on Christmas to the Bible Woman's Home. Some of their mothers came too, and one father walked and came. We had a service for them in the chapel. After the meeting was over a red bag containing such eatables as please little Chinese children was given to each of them. I think it certainly was a gala day to each one. They left soon after tiffin. I went down to the canal and saw them off on the boats. It was far better for so many little ones to start early and not be out late. The chapel at Waung-daung is much larger than the schoolroom. It is work in a new place, and I do not think the time has come to have a woman's meeting. The men come in too, and we have very good meetings. They are much more orderly and quiet than formerly. Our good Bishop Wilson, although scarcely able to sit up, went out on a boat to see the school before leaving for Shanghai. He was too weak to preach to them, but I was glad for him to see the school, and for them to see his saintly face. Brother Hearn preached to them in the afternoon.

You have doubtless heard much about the Jubilee and Conference; also about Bishop Wilson's excellent sermons, but they must be heard to be appreciated.

My health is good, and I feel so thankful to God for his help and blessing. I do so love the work in which I am engaged. I would not exchange it for anything in the wide world. The longer I am engaged in the work, the easier it seems to get. I can best end this short report by saying: "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is in me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." (Ps. ciii. 1, 2.)

Of the Soochow Mission Bishop Wilson says:

It is time to consider and arrange for the establishment of a school and home at Soochow of the same character and grade as the McTyeire. The change in the temper of the people and their relations to foreigners—to missionaries particularly—not only offers opportunity for it, but seems to demand it. We have ready access to all classes of Chinese, and are sought by them for educational purposes. Missionaries are encouraged in their work by the sympathy and patronage of the better classes. Soochow, the literary capital, is open to any enterprise of that sort. The promise of such a home and school is far better than it was for McTyeire when it was started.

STATISTICS OF MISSIONS IN CHINA.

Stations	5
Missionaries	20
Wives of missionaries	6
Teachers	18
Native teachers	41

Boarding schools	4
Pupils in boarding schools	116
Christian pupils	72
Day schools	40
Pupils in day schools	1,138
Christian pupils	30
Total Christian pupils	102
Total pupils	1,254
Scholarships	86
Bible colleges	2
Bible women	31
School buildings owned by Board	6
Value of same	$22,590
Hospitals	2
Value	$12,500
Total value of property	35,090

KOREA.

OPENED IN 1897.

MISSIONARIES.

MRS. JOSEPHINE P. CAMPBELL, MISS FANNIE HINDS.

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES.

MRS. C. F. REID, MRS. C. T. COLLYER.

THE "hermit kingdom" has been the scene of much political agitation during the year closing. As in China, those in power seem determined to turn the tide of reform, but neither Korea nor China can ever be what they once were. The leaven of the gospel is spreading, and though riot and blood may fill the land, the peaceful fruits of righteousness will finally triumph. Our work has made marked progress, and day schools as well as a boarding school have been opened. Mrs. Campbell writes as follows:

The home we are living in is admirably suited for school purposes; and if another building is allowed us, it would be best to put up a house for the missionaries, as the inner apartments of this are suited to Koreans much better than to foreigners. It is a central location, and the home would be on a higher piece of ground, facing the east. I have asked for money in the appropriations for this. All Korean houses are built alike, excepting some are larger and some smaller, some straw roof and some tile roof. They quite remind one of the Spanish adobe, built around a central square. A Korean room is 8x8x8 feet, never larger nor smaller. An architect takes your order for a house of so many rooms. You can put two rooms in one by taking out the partition, which is made of paper, many layers pasted together. A Korean house is made in the form of the letter L, which can be doubled up many times if the house is made on a large scale. Our front room, or sitting room, is 16x16 feet; the study or office adjoining, both facing the east, is also 16x16 feet, utilizing four Korean rooms in each. My bedroom joins the sitting room on the west, 16x16. Miss Yen's room, still farther west, 8x8 feet, adjoins my room; adjoining her room on the south are four Korean rooms 8x8 feet each, with Korean floors made of stone and heated from fires made underneath. These rooms can be made very comfortable for missionaries by putting in plank floors, as the stone floors are covered with oiled paper pasted on, and the pressure of foreign shoes ruins it. One must wear the Korean socks on Korean floors. The Bible women occupy the room built for the Bible woman's work. The boarding school was opened last October.

But to the subject of the home and work. To complete our property here we need to expend two hundred and fifty dollars more, U. S. currency, on land, which will give us a beautiful site for a chapel, open up our entrance

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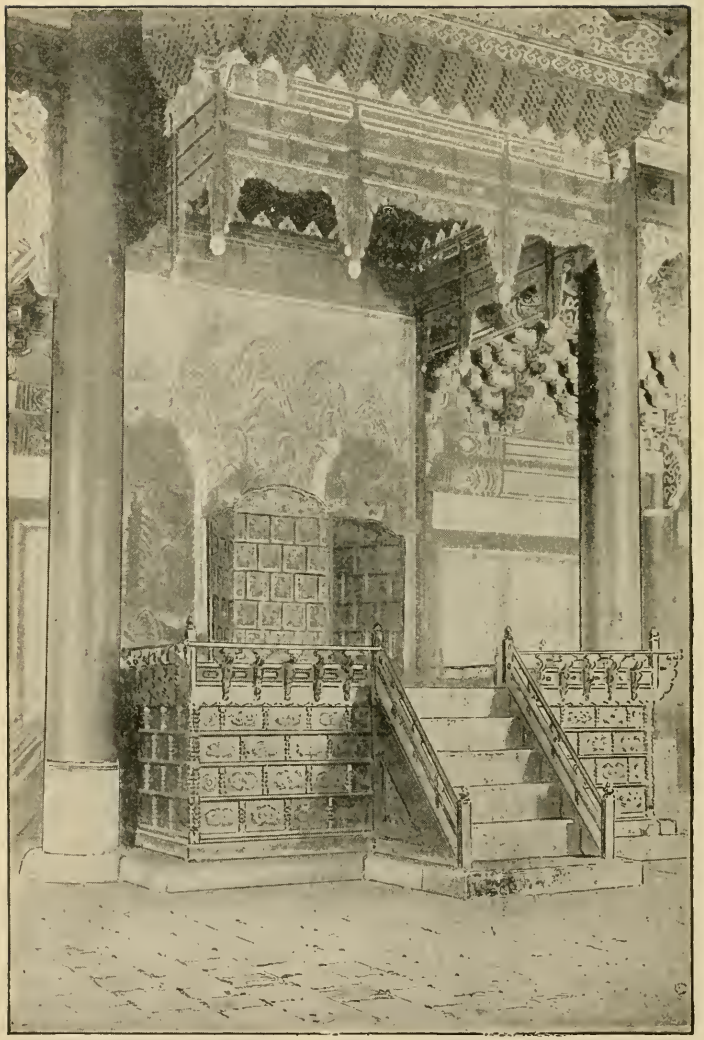

THE THRONE, KOREA.

to a wide, open thoroughfare, whereas the present entrance is by a street three feet wide and two blocks long. It makes it hard to find the place. The sooner we purchase this the better.

Bishop Wilson always brings joy and peace to us here in the Orient. We all love him very much. Our hearts were sad when we appreciated the fact that perhaps this was his last visit to us.

Miss Hinds was quite tired after her journey, and contracted a violent cold. Although the Bishop appointed her to Songdo, I felt it was a great risk for her to take the journey across the frozen country at that time, so I wrote to the Bishop, who was in China, giving him the conditions, and he sent a cablegram, saying: "Stay." The first year calls for special care to establish health under the new surroundings. I have wondered if it would not be wiser to await the coming of another lady to go with Miss Hinds to Songdo. It is hard to keep within bounds of the appropriations when one sees so much to do. I could open a most satisfactory day school just here at our doors, which would be filled with children very soon, but I dare not. I am beginning to move on longer lines, or feel that I can, but I am hampered. I am doing my best to do just the right thing, for if I have ever felt the responsibility of the use of God's money and the weight of his work, it is now. Into the last year of the old century we have stepped, and all seems well. O that it may be the most precious year of our work and of our lives!

KOREA.

Stations	2
Missionaries	2
Wives of missionaries	3
Assistants, including one medical	3
Day school teachers	2
Pupils enrolled	23
Bible women	3
Day school building owned by Board	1
Day school building provided by the people	1
Value of property in gold	$1,524 70

MEXICO.

MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE.

Woman's Board Commenced Work in 1881.

MISSIONARIES.

Miss Nannie E. Holding, Mrs. A. E. McClendon,
Miss Delia Holding, Miss Laura V. Wright,
Miss Edith Park, Miss Esther Case,
Miss Lelia Roberts.

This interesting and important field has had during the year past the largest returns in its history as a mission of the Woman's Board. From every center, in every quarterly report, came the call for more room. "We have to turn the children away because we are so full; we have not a place for another," came from more than one station; and, helpless to meet the demands, the Board could only work and pray for larger resources. The schools at every point report a better class of patronage, and more advanced steps in the way of self-support, one of the most healthful signs of our growing work that I have to report. Day schools have been multiplied, and extension in that line promises much. Miss Holding, our superintendent, says the opening of day schools, wherever we have a mission home in Mexico, is one of the most hopeful signs of growth. Miss Roberts, with restored health, returned to her charge at Saltillo, and continues the busy, consecrated woman she has been from the first. Her colaborer, Miss Case, is a most valuable helper. These two, with a corps of consecrated teachers, are doing all that could be expected of them. Miss Toland, the principal of our largest day school, has nothing like decrease to report for the year. Almost self-supporting, this school has been one of the feeders of our church in San Luis Potosi, and has a bright future. Miss Blackburn continues to lead the woman's work and the charity school. She was compelled to move into other quarters during the year, and needs more room than she has. Miss Norville has had a wonderfully busy year. What with moving, turning away children pleading to enter the school, which nearly broke her heart, insufficient teaching force, and opportunities for extension which presented themselves, she has shown herself a skillful general, trying to marshal a little band against a mighty host of difficulties. She is

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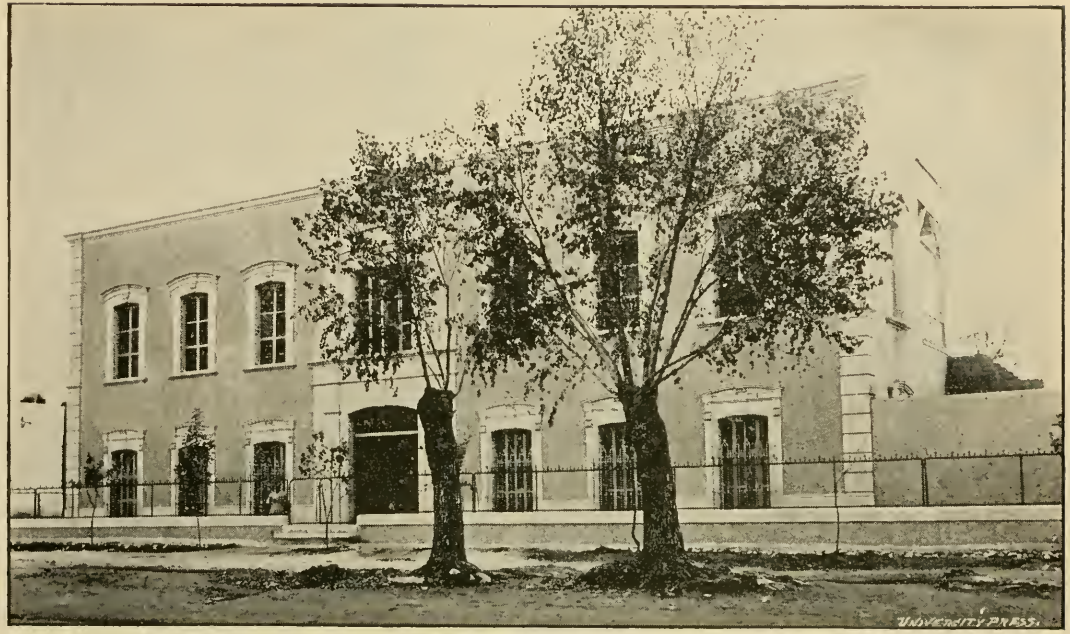

COLLEGIO PALMORE, CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO.

a born organizer, a persistent, persevering, never-give-up woman of marvelous will power. Miss Churchill, who was transferred from Saltillo a year ago, stands by Miss Norville with quiet endurance that tells well. The Mary Keener Institute is growing in the affections of our people in Mexico City, as well as in the esteem of the Mexicans, whose love of country is being planted upon a more substantial basis of education and an open Bible.

Miss A. V. Wilson congratulates the Board upon having a building of its own, in a growing city, that has felt the spirit of improvement irresistible during the year. Guadalajara has put on new, beautiful garments, and adopted the latest style of public improvements that electricity furnishes. In consequence rents are high, and prices for property fabulous. Wiser than was thought, the Board bought the home and school before the new order of things. If the sale of our property were necessary, double what was paid for it could be had. Miss Dorsey continues at Miss Wilson's right arm, and both have won the love of the Board for their faithfulness and success.

Miss Lizzie Wilson and Miss Harper, with joyful notes, sing of the promising outlook of Chihuahua. Hindered and cramped because of too little room and inefficient resources, they have moved forward bravely and satisfactorily. No better, truer, purer women are employed by the Woman's Board.

At Durango the continued prosperity makes the demand for more room almost imperative. Miss Tydings, the principal, ably assisted by Miss Carson and Miss McFarren, has never had greater fruitage in her work than during the year closing. As in the City of Mexico, the kindergarten has been a great attraction and a power for good. The opening of work in Cuba making it necessary to send one to take charge who could teach the Spanish language, the Board transferred Miss Carson from Durango to that island. Miss Carson had been serving in Durango for some years, and had become greatly attached to her work; but when asked if she was willing to leave and go to Cuba she promptly responded, saying, "I am willing to go wherever God calls me."

Bible women have done well in Mexico. Three of these native women have been at work in the City of Mexico, two at San Luis Potosi, three at Durango, two at Guadalajara, two at Saltillo, and three at Laredo. It is impossible to estimate the value of such workers, as figures cannot represent it. Of Laredo let Miss N. E. Holding speak:

LAREDO SEMINARY.

"He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wing shalt thou trust." One cannot fully realize the depth of the meaning contained in the promise, "He shall cover thee," etc., until some dreaded calamity drawing near is suddenly stayed by an invisible power. This realization came to us in the close proximity of the yellow fever scourge, and our wonderful deliverance from the same. So imminent seemed the danger that day after day plans were discussed as to the best mode of procedure should the disease reach our city. We felt that such a visitant would be the death knell to the prosperous school year upon which we had just entered. Day schools were full, and boarding department crowded even in the first weeks of the opening. We were kept not only from this dread disease, but also from our regular fall visitor, the dengue. So we were blessed with good health among the children, there being not more than two or three cases of illness among nearly two hundred.

Early in the year we were blessed with a gracious revival, the effects of which have followed us through the entire year. Children who were converted at that time later on asked for membership in our Church. Almost at every service since some one has expressed a desire to understand and experience more of God's love in her heart and life.

We had a larger graduating class than at any previous time—seven in number. The one boy of the class, who was also the commandant of seminary cadets, answered his country's call for volunteers. Just a few days before commencement he received orders to report for duty. Several of our boys were volunteers in our war with Spain. Some of these were Mexicans; one of them we have had with us almost from babyhood. A fact like this makes us realize the length of the intervening years of the "beginning" and the "now" of our mission work.

We have sustained but one woman's class, that of the West End. During my several trips into Mexico Miss Wright had entire control of this branch of work. She has been so interested in this department that I have finally given it into her keeping, and I go now only as a helper, and when I can conveniently do so. The principal feature of the woman's work has been, as that last year, memorizing portions of Scripture. Our Bible women are members of this class. Indeed, we may say they have been trained in the class for the work they are now doing. These women have been faithful and earnest, and not without persecution, for Rome opposes, as she has ever done, an open Bible. The work the Bible women are doing for the Master has wrought good in their own lives, by strengthening and broadening their spiritual conception.

Miss Park has continued in charge of the barracks. We leave her to tell of the trials and blessings of the year, which no one but herself can clearly depict. We may imagine, but cannot tell, what enters into the life of one who comes into daily, almost hourly, contact with forty boys. It may indeed be better imagined than ever told.

My sister's work also has been without change: superintending the school, besides a multiplicity of other duties which tax heart and brain to meet.

The Nuevo Laredo School met with a loss in the removal of Miss Ford, our helper from Kentucky, who was with us for several years. During the last two years of her stay in Laredo she had entire control of this school, in which she did good service. After she left, one of our graduates, Enleteria Hernandez, has been assisting Constanza, who has taught in the Nuevo Laredo School for a number of years. The school has been very full. The time of two teachers could be fully employed, and still the cry be for more help.

Mrs. McClendon will report the day school under her management. Two of the teachers assisting her have been trained entirely in the seminary, the other partly with Mrs. McClendon and partly with us. I mention this fact to show that we, as far as possible, use as helpers the girls educated by our Mission.

Taking the Laredo work as a whole, we do not know of any previous year that shows a more steady growth, not in growth of numbers but in a fixed purpose to accomplish good work. We have had under instruction in the seminary alone 238 pupils; and in all departments of the work, 956. We think we are right in considering 1898 a prosperous year in every sense of the word.

We cannot close this report without a mention of our delightful annual meeting in Guadalajara, where we were so hospitably entertained by Miss Wilson and Miss Dorsey. The meeting was one of the most enjoyable we have experienced, taking it in its features of social and spiritual intercourse.

Miss Holding, as appointed Superintendent, gives the following report, a survey of the various stations occupied by the Board:

My annual visit to the various stations was much earlier in the year, and much more hurried than usual. The schools were just opening after their vacation. I failed to see Miss Tydings at Durango, as she had been detained by ill health from returning to her work as early as she had expected. Miss McFarren and Miss Carson were full of hope concerning the school.

Durango has been one of the "hard places" to get a foothold, and sometimes we have almost been in despair of ever making any impression upon the people; we have seemed to build slowly in this city of fanaticism. It was indeed a hopeful sign to see so many children the first week of school—as many as sometimes had been enrolled during an entire year.

The kindergarten, which was a new feature of the work last year, has at this opening a much larger attendance. As it is the only kindergarten in Durango, we cannot but hope it may be the "opening wedge" to many a home that has hitherto been closed against us.

The woman's class had not been opened on account of Miss Tydings' absence, who has always considered this branch of the work her special charge.

Miss McFarren spoke well of the efficient help given by the Bible women. She spends a portion of her time in visiting with these women, thus was able from personal observation to note results.

My visit to Chihuahua was made at the time of the annual session of the

Northwest Mexican Mission Conference. Bishop Duncan and Dr. Lambuth expressed themselves as being delighted with the outlook of the school. A larger number of children from the better class had entered than at any previous time in the history of the Chihuahua work. Dining room and dormitories were crowded, and the old vexed question of how to make "more room" without "money or space" was sorely pressing our faithful ministers; yet they were glad because it told of the prosperity of the school, and we all felt that the Master was putting a special blessing upon the opening, as there had been peculiar trial during vacation. I did not have an opportunity of visiting North Chihuahua School, but had good reports from it. As yet the work of building had not begun. Mrs. Wilson was talking of improving the grounds, thus taking preparatory steps toward this object. There is fine prospect at this point, and I doubt not we will one day see a large branch school to the Colegio.

A liberal Governor and a wide-awake people make Chihuahua a most promising field of labor.

My stay in Guadalajara was not so marked. At this point, as elsewhere, the school had opened with an increase of numbers. I was present at chapel services several times. The large, pleasant room used for this purpose was quite well filled. I noticed here, as at Chihuahua, a better class of children—that is, an increase from the better class. As Bishop Duncan, Dr. Lambuth (one of our missionaries from Japan), Brother Towson, Brother Fitzgerald (the new missionary from Durango), and the native ministers were on their way to Conference in the City of Mexico, we had the privilege of attending religious services every night during our stay. Several of the children from the school were received into the Church at this time; also several women. A number of babies were baptized, among whom was Walter Lambuth Cix, the pride and joy of the Mission.

The feeding at noon of thirty to forty children continues an interesting feature in the Guadalajara work. Judging from the eagerness with which the children gather around the tables, one would think it the only meal of the day. No doubt this is true, to some at least. Miss Wilson spoke of the continued interest of the woman's class.

The pleasant mission home, beautiful city of Guadalajara, and lovely climate, where fruits and flowers abound, make one more than willing to linger here.

In the City of Mexico I found Miss Norville pressed to the extent of her strength to meet the demands of her rapidly growing school. Every nook and corner of the large building was crowded. Some of the class rooms are almost too full for standing room. The rapid growth of this work is marvelous. In Dr. Lambuth's words, "It seems nothing less than a creation direct from the Father's hand." No mission in the city has ever shown such advancement. This, too, under many unfavorable circumstances, which nothing but the most indomitable will and abiding faith could overcome. The school, this early in its history, is well graded. Mid favorable surroundings the Mary Keener Institute might become self-supporting. It has been impossible to secure a suitable house for so large a school. Many parents are seeking to enter their children as boarders; but to their disappoint-

ment are refused, because the large day school leaves scarcely room for the family. By uncomfortably crowding, the missionaries, teachers, and boarders already form a family of twenty-five. I cannot say too much in favor of every effort being made to put the Mary Keener School upon a footing that will enable it to compete with any first-class school in the City of Mexico. This is the only way to deepen its influence, and the only way to meet this its day of opportunity.

I could give but a day to San Luis Potosi. Miss Toland, with that natural force of character which has made her our strong pioneer missionary, was keeping under and holding out of sight the great sorrow that had so recently come into her life, the death of her noble and only sister, Dr. Irene Toland. Except for an added gentleness of manner, one would not have known that she was passing through the fire. More than ever her thought was upon the best methods of the work for the school and the best comfort for the home, and with greatest earnestness she desires more room that she may make a home for Mexican children. As the General Board is making San Luis Potosi more of a center, I long to see the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions enlarging her borders. Medical work has been established; a beautiful new church is drawing toward completion, and Methodism seems to be putting on a new garment of fresh zeal in the Master's cause. Our school in its present capacity has reached its limit. Unless it may be enlarged, it can do no more as to numbers. Miss Blackburn spoke encouragingly of her work and of good results arising from house to house visiting. We feared that on changing the school from its original building there would be some falling off in attendance, both in the school and woman's class, but there has been slight dimunition in the regular numbers.

There is a larger family at Saltillo than ever before, and we can say of this school, as of the others, that the opening has been such as to encourage the heart of the missionary. Here at Saltillo, as with all of our other stations in Mexico, our great need is lack of room. We are all so glad to have Miss Roberts again in the field, seeming like her old self in energy and interest. She and Miss Case are true yokefellows, and the work prospers in their hands. A new day school in a distant part of the city has been the principal step this year toward extending the influence of the Mission. I more and more advocate multiplying day schools where we have our centers of work. Every one established becomes another center of Christian influence where the Word is daily taught. For those who crowd our day schools it is the one opportunity of their lives to hear the truth and be taught therein, and they cannot fail, in a measure, to carry it to their homes.

The Colegio has been renovated and improved to some considerable extent during the year, and was fresh and attractive for the opening of the fall session. No little time and expense are required to keep our Mission homes in attractive dress for the public eye. How often the missionary gives up her vacation rather than not have the home bright for the returning children! Colegio Yngles still retains its hold upon the people, as the full school shows.

The watchword, this year, of our Mexican Mission has been "Forward."

Surely we have had a forward movement on every hand. The feeling of energy and enthusiasm on the part of our missionaries has been unusual. At every station I heard the same note of hopefulness; and well it might be, for the Father has put a tender hand of loving protection over our Mission. Neither has he left us without the evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the conversion of our children. Almost without an exception good reports were given of the work of the Bible women. Fifteen Bible women, reading and explaining the Word daily, singing and praying as they enter home after home, have borne no small part in the advancement of the year.

Total number under instruction in Mexican work, 2,687.

Miss Edith Park sends her annual report with a rejoicing spirit, because of her own spiritual uplift. The boys under her special charge were greatly benefited during the revival services, conducted in Faith Hall, by the pastor, Brother Mercado. Two of the boys joined the Church, and several others professed conversion. The boys as a whole respond more readily than formerly at what is called the "memory services," when each is asked for a text of Scripture. Many of them are also considering the question of sacrificing their use of tobacco, as well as all stimulants. Several have already signed the following pledge, called the "Free and Independent Boys' Pledge:" "We hereby declare that we throw off all allegiance to untruth, idleness, impurity, intemperance, the use of tobacco, and all profanity."

Miss Park has charge of the classes in penmanship and free-hand drawing from the first grade through the sophomores, as well as the art class. The League work affords profit as well as pleasure, and the Sunday afternoon services are eagerly welcomed by the children. Of the forty eight boys enrolled, thirty-seven attend Sunday school, and five are members of the Church.

Miss Laura V. Wright feels much encouraged as she looks over the year's work. She has charge of the woman's sewing class, where the natives are taught useful industries and the gospel at the same time. Miss Wright says they take great interest in their missionary society, cheerfully and willingly pay their dues, and have learned something of the joy of the "more blessed to give than to receive." Their lives having been made happy by the glorious gospel, they want to send it abroad to others. Miss Wright continues her work in the jail. She and Señorita Plata, a consecrated girl, have distributed one hundred and fifty tracts, three Bibles, six Gosgels, two Psalms and two Testaments. Out of her Sunday school class of nine girls, two have joined the Church.

The day school work in Laredo is in charge of Mrs. A. E. Mc-

Clendon, who reports one hundred and fifty-five pupils and three assistant teachers. Her efforts to make the school self-supporting have met with meager results, but the beginning has been made, and year after year better things may be possible. The Bible is a daily study and the Sunday school lessons are taught to all the children. The children enjoy the *Little Worker*, and on "Little Worker Day," when these papers are distributed to the fourth and fifth grades, all other books are laid aside, that the contents of the paper may be enjoyed by all. The Superintendent of Laredo public schools made the day school a present of some engravings, George Washington's likeness among the number. Each year has marked a step forward; and the Principal, Mrs. McClendon, is encouraged, as the above report shows.

SALTILLO.

Of this mission Miss Lelia Roberts says:

We have had under instruction this year 323, of whom 208 are girls, 63 boys, and 52 women. In the pay departments there were 139 pupils; in the strictly free school, 93; in the free day school 39. These, with the Bible and sewing class of 52 women, make a total of 323. Forty-one girls, members of our household, have been trained in domestic affairs, when not occupied with their studies. They are taught to sew, clean rooms, iron, wash dishes, arrange dining tables, serve meals, help with cooking, etc.

The Bible is a text-book in each class room. Chapel exercises are conducted by the Principal, while family prayers at night are led by teachers and pupils each in her turn. There are 31 Church members and 3 probationers among our pupils and the woman's class. One hundred and twenty-four are in Sunday school.

Six girls who studied in our school afterwards received diplomas from the government. Some of them are now teaching in public schools. There remain in school 5 who are pursuing the normal course. Of these 11 girls, 5 were baptized Christmas.

Our church has an Epworth League of 44 members, 30 of whom are from our school. These girls are all active members and do what they can to advance the interests of the League. They sing, pray, read short productions of their own, and sometimes translate from English appropriate articles to be read.

Two Bible women have been carrying the light of the gospel into the homes of the people. One is Matilde H. de Osuna, or the M. L. Paine Bible woman. She has done faithful work. The other is Isabel Dominguez, or the Mary Bull Bible woman, who began her work the 1st of July. The following statistics prove that they have not been idle. Visits made, 289; tracts distributed, 1,105; persons spoken to incidentally, 329; prayers in houses, 26; Bibles and Gospels sold, 12.

The poorest women and children were the recipients of a large box of good clothing in memory of Miss Joe Pleasants who, though an invalid for

many years, had done so much for them. Her home was in Louisburg, N. C., from whence she passed away in January.

We have three scholarships: Maria Facio, supported by the juveniles of St. Louis, Mo.; Isabel Medina and Marta Garcia, supported by Capt. J. F. Lay, of Winona, Miss. They are all Christian girls, from whom influences will go out for many of their less fortunate fellow-beings.

In September a day school was opened in that part of town known as El Pueblo, where there were no schools whatever.

In a short time we gathered together 39 children, 17 of whom have attended Sunday school. Others would attend if their parents would permit them. The teacher visits the homes of the children, and we hope all prejudice will soon give way.

RECAPITULATION.

Missionaries	2
Teachers	6
Girls	208
Boys	63
Women	52
Total	323
Pupils who are members of Sunday school	124
Pupils who are members of the Church	31
Pupils who have joined the Church this year	15
Women of Bible and sewing class who are Church members	8
Bible women	2
Visits made by them	289
Tracts distributed	1,105
Persons spoken to incidentally	329

LELIA ROBERTS.

Miss Esther Case, who has been associated with Miss Roberts for several years, spent some weeks at home during the summer vacation. This vacation had some sad experiences, in her own illness, as well as the illness and death of a dear sister. Her work in the Mission consists of Bible classes, and several classes in Spanish. She says it is very cheering to hear sometimes such remarks from the children when teaching them of Mexican heroes in history, as "Please tell us again about Joseph, or Moses, or Samuel; it is so much prettier." The open Bible in Mexico is opening blind eyes and overturning old superstitions.

NORTHWEST MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

MISSIONARIES.

Miss Lizzie Wilson, Miss Ellie Tydings,
Miss Lucy Harper, Miss Kate McFarren.

Miss Hattie G. Carson was associated with Miss Tydings and Miss McFarren in the mission at Durango, but in February was transferred to Cuba to take charge of the opening work at Santiago. Both Durango and Chihuahua have had marked prosperity during the year.

Miss Ellie Tydings, who is Principal of MacDonell Institute, writes as follows of her work:

"Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." This is one of the many precious promises which I have claimed this year, and can mark tried and verified most wonderfully.

As Miss McFarren's health required a change last year, I was put in charge, thinking it was for only the six months of her absence, but upon her return she took up other work, and I have had to continue to manage and direct all the work, though she has greatly helped me with her wise counsels.

This has been a year of steady growth in each department. We have enrolled 227. At our last entertainment the room was so crowded that we will have to invite only the patrons hereafter. We are in need of a room for kindergarten, as renting is expensive. We have no suitable place for the woman's work. Meeting in the *corredores* is uncomfortable on cold, windy days.

The work in each department of the school has been most satisfactory this year, and the kindergarten has proven quite a success every way, except financially. The Durango people are not yet educated up to the point of self-support. Some of our best-paying pupils did not return this term, and their father was kind enough to confess that it was "only on account of our religion."

We have had little sickness during the year. All are well and seem happy, and help with the work as much as they can. Those who are old enough to come into the Church are members, except two who have not been with us long, and belong to Catholic families. The two Bible women have tried to sow beside all waters, and we are trusting that we may yet reap an abundant harvest.

I have an interesting class in Sunday school, composed mostly of the husbands of my women. Their ignorance of spiritual things often surprises me, as many of them are members of the Church. One said the other day that he really thought that St. Peter held the keys to heaven, and that no one could enter without permission from him.

For many reasons our work here is still difficult, but we are trusting in

Him with whom all things are possible, and my heart is full of praise to his holy name for all his goodness and mercy.

Miss Kate McFarren, feeling the necessity of a more careful oversight of the charity department, has given it her personal supervision. This work requires three hours every morning. This and the daily chapel exercises, and one hour every afternoon in the English classes, fill up her time with regular class work. Besides this, she visits the homes of the patrons of the school, visits with the Bible women, three of whom are located at Durango. These Bible women, as in other Mission stations, are valuable in many ways. They come into close touch with the home life of their people, giving help and sympathy as well as the Bible. They induce their people to attend church services, and bring the children to the Sunday as well as to the day schools.

Miss Hattie G. Carson says that the three years and a half that she worked in Durango were for the most part pleasant and profitable. The last evening of her stay was devoted to the missionary meeting, and "Cuba" was the subject discussed. The Mexicans are much interested in the Cubans, and on the occasion mentioned showed their sympathy in a substantial way, giving several dollars to the cause. This means much to them, as many of them can afford only one good meal a day. Speaking of such sacrifice as this, Miss Carson said: "O that our people at home would wake up fully to their duty to those who have not the gospel, and not suffer those who have known the good way only a short time to excel them in making sacrifices." Miss Carson's school work was successful, and she had the happiness of seeing two boys of her Sunday school class join the Church.

Chihuahua.

Colegio Palmore is under the care of Miss Lizzie Wilson and Miss Lucy Harper, and several valuable assistant teachers. Miss Wilson writes as follows:

As I sit down to write my report for the year that has just closed, the last words of the book of Ecclesiastes come to my mind: "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." The sum of our years will soon be told, our final report sent in, the book of our individual lives laid away until that day when our work shall again come before us in the light of the judgment, and by these we shall be judged.

The past year has been full, and we have made steady growth in numbers and in a better class of patronage. Colegio Palmore is now recog-

nized as the place where the English language is successfully taught in Chihuahua. The Spanish department, under the faithful care of Brother S. Y. Esquevel and three of our own Mexican girls, has done well. Brother Esquevel has given himself so heartily to the work in every department that he has been a blessing from the day he entered the school.

The North Chihuahua School has done well. The Spanish department was not opened in the fall, as there was no one to take charge of it; but the English department, under Miss Ammie Webster, has been continued. Miss Webster and Miss Olivia McLane have the care of the Sunday school there also.

Our family at the college has averaged seventy, and two teachers. Miss Nettie Applegate and Miss Adair came at New Year to help us. Their coming gave me much needed relief in the work.

Under the leading of the Master I determined to supply the English-speaking girls with good literature at my own expense. The *Youth's Companion*, *Young People's Weekly*, *Success*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, *Review of Reviews*, *Forward*, and others, were subscribed for and put under the care of Miss Davis, our sixth-year grade teacher, so that the pupils might not read when they ought to be studying. This has proved a great help in promoting contentment, as well as in supplying profitable reading. For the smaller children I provided *St. Nicholas*, *Little Men and Women*, *Little Folks*, the *Children's Own Magazine*, etc.

Since Miss Adair has taken the burden of domestic duties I have more time to devote to the little children. I room next to them, and mornings and evenings we have good times together. They have memorized much of the precious Word of God and many hymns. Nothing so rests me when I am weary as their sweet voices in songs of praise.

We have an English prayer meeting every Sunday morning, conducted in turn by the teachers. This has been a help and a comfort to us all. We have also a good prayer meeting in Spanish, from house to house, every Tuesday afternoon, full of interest and well attended. Sometimes we are invited to homes where no member of the family belongs to the Church, but they want to know something of our religion. I have the mother class in Sunday school, and the half hour is always too short for us. All take part in the lesson. There was one little woman who was converted and wanted to join the Church. I found that she was not married to the man with whom she was living when she offered herself for Church membership. I had to go up and tell the presiding elder that she could not be taken in at that time. This distressed her much, but the outcome was good. She was married, and the husband was converted, and both joined the Church together. They are poor, yet they pay one dollar a month toward the pastor's salary. A few weeks ago one of my Sunday school class, an old woman who had been converted, was called to her heavenly home. The daughter had been converted first, and toiled and prayed for the parents, who were also happily converted. The old mother's deathbed was the gateway to heaven, so bright were her prospects.

In January we organized a woman's missionary society, to meet the last Tuesday of every month. It has always been well attended, and at our

Conference in October we had $23 to turn over to the pastor to pay the missionary assessment. This year the assessment is $75, and we are working hard to meet it. The brethren have all joined as honorary members, and take delight in paying their dues. Not one member failed to pay her dues last year. If any failed to come, she always sent it by a friend.

I am first Vice President of the League, and as such have charge of all special religious meetings. It has long been on my heart that we ought to have a mission in the center of town, where the general public could hear the gospel preached and sung. I rented a room from a lady that had her three children with us in school. We met one night, and a large crowd came to hear the preaching and singing. Next day the lady came to say that she could not let me have the room longer; that the bishop had threatened to excommunicate her, telling her that it was bad enough to have her children with the Protestants, but to rent them a room in her house in which to teach and preach their heresy was more than he would stand. But she added, with a merry twinkle in her eye: "Don't you mind; I have been to see a friend of mine who has sons to protect her, and they are not afraid of the priests. She will rent you a room in her house, and it is better located than mine." So I went with her and rented the other room, where we go every Friday night. I bought an organ for it, and the first night she used it some one threw a rock from the door and struck it; but further than that we have not been troubled. There are always large crowds present to listen. Brother Esquevel preaches one evening every month, and our presiding elder, when he is with us, preaches also, and the pastor at other times. The lady teachers of the college attend, and some of the large girls.

We have had the Bible women throughout the year, who have gone in and out among the people, giving tracts and holding meetings, when they could. We only count it a missionary visit when we read the word and pray in the home. You will see in our statistical account how many visits were made and how many tracts were given out.

In the school I have charge of the Bible work, and teach five periods every day. Every child in school has instruction from the Word of God. Few, if any, object to it. One educated gentleman, cousin to the Governor of the state, said to me: "I know that it is an open Bible that has made England and America what they are, and I want my daughter to remain with you until she is educated. Bring her up in your own way. I never expect to change my Church, but I want my child to have the more enlightened faith."

So we thank God and take courage. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

Miss Harper writes most encouragingly, opening her report with an interesting reminiscence of the last annual meeting:

How well I remember the beginning of the year. It was during our annual meeting of missionaries. The mission at Guadalajara had opened wide its hospitable doors to receive us. We all arrived by the same train. Our rooms wore a look of expectancy and welcome, and the fragrance of pansies

and violets on mantel and table lingers yet with other memories of those few days so full of peace and love and tenderness and kindness. The business sessions of the meeting closed with the last night of the old year—the dearest, tenderest, and truest "missionary mother" in all the wide world, worn with the fatigue of successive meetings, weary with the cares and trials of the closing year, and saddened by the shadows that with "a prophet's eyes" she saw falling across the pathway of the new, had gone to bed; the missionaries, according to their custom, had been visiting each others' rooms, sitting in little groups on the bedside first of one, then of the other, telling and hearing experiences, plans, hopes, and fears. Miss Blackburn watched alone out on the roof wall in the chill starlight, and saw the silent "passing" of 1897 and the "coming" of 1898. These are pleasant memories, but I must leave them and tell something of the happy, fruitful, busy year just closing. One hundred and ninety pupils were enrolled in a few months. Thirty-three boys have had their homes in the college. Four of these joined the Church, also Charlie Lee, one of our Chinese day pupils.

The boys are more easily governed, and are far more ambitious and studious, and happier than before. They are getting like the boys used to be at Laredo. We have eight little fellows, hearty, well, and happy all day long; a number of more advanced age, the restless set; and three large boys, quiet, undisturbed, and studious. During the winter we have had more cold weather than usual, two or three snows and thaws, and I had to be the little ones' stay in the office where I work.

Besides the improvement in our boys I am glad that two of the young men of our Church, former students of the school, have lately begun to take part in Church work, leading the League, and acting as secretary of the same.

I earnestly pray the Lord of the harvest that he will water this planting and grant from it a generous yield. It means *everything* to set young lives to work, to build, and to hope for themselves, in character, in education, in the acquirement of all that makes for independence and intelligent Christian citizenship.

There is comfort in the thought that Christ took the "little lad's" "five barley loaves and two small fishes," and blessed them in the breaking to the feeding of five thousand. I want him to take me and my life just that way and use both for the young people whose lives touch mine.

CENTRAL MEXICO MISSION CONFERENCE.

MISSIONARIES.

Miss Rebecca Toland,	Miss A. V. Wilson,
Miss Viola Blackburn,	Miss Mattie Dorsey,
Miss Hardynia Norville,	Miss Annie Churchill.

This Conference embraces three stations, occupied by the Woman's Board: San Luis Potosi, Guadalajara, and Mexico City. In each of these stations growth may be noted. The need of enlarge-

ment of the Mission building, San Luis Potosi, for the accommodation of boarders is almost imperative, and Mexico City is in greater need, as a number of times the Mary Keener Institute has had to change quarters on account of overflow. Guadalajara has extended its operations in the line of day school work. There are seven Bible women operating in these fields, three in the City of Mexico, two at San Luis Potosi, and two at Guadalajara. The Principal of each station gives the following reports.

Miss Rebecca Toland, in charge of San Luis Potosi, thus writes:

We have not accomplished all we hoped to do, and have no great results to show for the year's work. Yet we have had a good year, and the Lord has been with us, and has blessed us in many ways. We have endeavored to sow good seed into many hearts, and feel confident that our labor has not been in vain.

We had with us in the beginning of the year the same teachers and workers, without any exception, that had been with us for more than a year, so that very little if any change had to be made in any department of the work.

Since the opening of school in September many more new pupils have entered than have ever before entered during the fall term. The primary room became so full that it was necessary to put an assistant teacher in that department, as the regular teacher had more than she could manage.

All during the year pupils have applied for board in the school; but as there was no way to accommodate them, it was with heavy hearts we had to turn them away. They sought board in other schools, and we lost them. It is a great disadvantage to us not to be able to receive all who come. Our school could easily have been twice the size it is if we had only been able to take boarders from the beginning. Our house is hardly large enough for the day school, making it impossible for us to have a boarding department. There is a large section of country lying between us and the Gulf practically without schools, and it is from this part of the country that many pupils have come asking to be received. Yet these are by no means the only ones who have come to us.

We still get children mainly from the families of the best class of citizens. As they have more to lose in a social way than the poorer children, it is much harder to get these to attend our Sunday school and Church services. This year we have in a great measure overcome this difficulty by having preaching once a week in our school chapel, where every child is required to come. The Rev. F. S. Onderdonk, the pastor of the American church, has cheerfully taken upon himself this extra work, and we have had proof of some of the good done by these services. The preaching services have been kept up the whole year.

In our lower grades the children are required to commit to memory verses from the Bible, following the same plan used heretofore, while for the more advanced pupils we use Steele's Outlines of Bible Study.

There is both a Junior and Senior Epworth League organized in our church in San Luis Potosi, and our teachers and pupils take an active in-

terest in both. The Junior League is in a flourishing condition. One of our teachers is superintendent and most of the members of this League are members of our school.

The missionaries and teachers take an active part in both the American and Mexican Sunday schools, some working in one and some in the other. About half of our pupils have attended Sunday school this year.

Our Bible woman, Victoria Escobedo, has been at work since the middle of January. She has been a faithful worker, visiting most of her time among those who are not members of the Church, and trying to reach those who have never heard of a free salvation. At the end of each week she comes to give a report of her week's work. She is successful in getting others interested, and sometimes brings them to the sewing class and to the Church services.

On the whole we feel encouraged in our work, and thankful for what has been accomplished. Miss Blackburn has had a very busy year with her school and sewing class, which has been on the increase. She will give a separate report of these two departments of the work.

Associated with the San Luis Mission is Miss Viola Blackburn, who has charge of the woman's work and what is known as the charity school. Miss Blackburn had to seek a new location for her work during the year. While the rent is higher, the situation is more inviting, and the outlook more stimulating. Miss Blackburn testifies the verification of the "Lo! I am with you," as before. Decided advancement cheers her heart, and the efficiency of Miss Francisca Villa Señor, her assistant in the school and in the sewing class, is as gratifying as possible. In addition to the regular work, Miss Blackburn has a very interesting class of six grown girls studying English. With their English they get the gospel. The whole school memorizes a text of Scripture every day, and the Bible class can repeat a number of Psalms, the twelfth chapter of Isaiah, the thirteenth of First Corinthians, the beatitudes, and the commandments. Four of the girls and three of the women have come into the Church. The Mission sustained a loss when Brother and Sister Mood were transferred to Monterey. They were valuable as friends as well as spiritual advisers. The children observe Christmas, Easter, Children's Day, and Thanksgiving. In the various entertainments Miss Toland and Miss Portugal lend assistance, and add much to the interest of the occasion.

Death has invaded the ranks of the sewing class, and two of the women were called away. They died in the Lord. The visit of Bishop Duncan and Dr. W. R. Lambuth was an inspiration to the Mission, and the new church recently dedicated by the Bishop a cause of thanksgiving.

From Guadalajara Miss A. V. Wilson sends items of interesting information also:

In summing up the events of the Guadalajara Mission, in the year 1898, it seems like a level course that we ran, without anything out of the ordinary happenings to record. Yet there was a steady and gratifying advance on all lines. The membership of the school was greater than in any former year, the character of the pupils decidedly of a higher grade, and better work done. Before Christmas our number had reached one hundred and one, the largest number, I feel sure, that any Protestant school has before had in Guadalajara. Our allowance for free boarding pupils contemplated the support of ten, but I made it do for thirteen, beside feeding from thirty to forty of the day children at dinner-time. From two pupils I had $9 (Mexican). Guadalajara used to be the cheapest place to live in that I had known, but there is such a rush of incomers from all sides, and correspondent rise in prices, that the saying is now far from true. Rents are absurdly high, making us more than ever thankful that we dwell under our own vine and fig tree. Our church is houseless, but Brother Yearwood, our pastor, proclaims his intention to build us a new one. The great obstacle is the price of a site. Owners ask forty thousand dollars for an empty lot in an ineligible part of the city, and good places are simply out of sight. We have great confidence in this our young English brother, and look to him to accomplish the thing he takes in hand.

We have had two Bible workers employed all the while, with good results. I do not know the number received into the Church, but do know that their labors have secured a number of new members, and the reclamation of a number that had gone astray. They have visited the sick, brought to our knowledge the very needy, and gathered the children into the Sunday and day schools. Lately our woman's work has been much hindered by illness among the women themselves and their families. Last week there were seven sick out of a family of nine. The grip has been almost universal here, and very many have had a second attack. In our family the complaint has been light, yielding to about one day's treatment in bed, but others are not favored with high and sunny rooms. The scarlet fever has ruled for several months, hundreds of cases and many victims, but I am thankful to record that we have been spared. Only one case in the day school, and he recovered.

Now 1898 is a thing of the past, two busy months of 1899 have buried it out of sight, and we go on hopeful of what the future will bring. To our Father, who has been our Helper, our Guide and Defense, be all the thanks for whatever of good we have received, for all the good that has been accomplished.

Miss Mattie Dorsey writes that, while no startling events have marked the current of school life at Guadalajara, the increasing number of children greatly encouraged her. Not only is the increase a source of gratification, but the steady progress in study, and development in character among the pupils. The everyday

walk shows that many are trying to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, and are seeking to bring others to the knowledge that gladdens their own hearts. Miss Dorsey has charge of several grades in regular school work; has charge of the singing, helps in the woman's work, and teaches in the Sunday school. Her heart is in the work, the children love her, and she loves the children.

Mexico City Mission continues to grow rapidly. Miss Norville's report shows this:

So wonderfully has the Lord blessed the work committed to our hands, that a feeling of the deepest humility comes at the thought of the poor service rendered and the little faith exercised.

At the close of last year, and of two months' time in our new place, we had grown from nineteen to seventy-nine in number. The new year brought with it a rush of children. Having taken all that we felt we could teach, word was given out that others would not be received without remuneration. But the lesson in saying "No" had been imperfectly learned, and one poor mother after another, with her tale of poverty and woe, prevailed, and many other bright little ones were entered *gratis*. Soon we were crowded to overflowing. Our native preacher, who was living with us, and rendering valuable assistance in many ways, seeing the situation, moved, and thus, with three additional rooms, we were comfortably housed for a while, but we were now sadly in need of helpers. Miss Fleming, a Presbyterian missionary without work, was prompted of the Lord to *give* her services on seeing our great need. Very soon she was appointed to work by her own Church, and we had to give her up. She had not only taught a grade, but looked after the house, and had done all so lovingly that we were deeply grieved to part with her. Doleful letters to Miss Holding and Mrs. Trueheart speedily brought word that Miss Churchill would be sent to our relief as soon as Miss Roberts returned to her work, and sure enough, the day after Miss Fleming went to her newly appointed place, Miss Churchill came, and has continued to the present. Misses Ford and Sledge, two of the seminary teachers, volunteered to come and help us during their vacation. Miss Sledge continued teaching in the higher grades. We postponed our month's summer vacation until after the Board meeting, hoping for an appropriation for teachers, and it was with sad hearts that we lay down the many plans which had been projected for the advancement of the work, and set about to do the best that we could without it. A kind Providence, that had aided us in the past, again raised up helpers. Miss Utley took charge of the kindergarten department for the work's sake rather than the remuneration; one of Miss Holding's girls from the seminary came down, and my niece volunteered her services. About this time our house was condemned as unhealthy; both teachers and pupils were stricken with malarial fever, and what I should have done without our kind friend, Sister King, I do not know.

Perhaps I have taken too much space in telling about our workers. But without our volunteers the school would have been a failure, and I desire

that the lovers of missions may know how good the Lord has been in sending helpers during this our first year's work in the City of Mexico.

We have enrolled during the year two hundred and sixty-five pupils, though the highest number in attendance at any one time has been one hundred and seventy. We have a kindergarten, connecting class, and nine grades, all taught in English. Spanish is given as a foreign language. Mexican people are wide-awake on the subject of education. They have fine schools in the City of Mexico, with the best appliances that Germany, France, and America can afford. What they want of us is English, and by this means we may gain access to the higher class and break down the walls of prejudice.

Two-thirds of our pupils are Catholics. At first it was hard to have school on any of the saints' days; now they take only the greatest of their religious holidays. During the year seventy-nine have been brought into our Sunday school. We have three flourishing juvenile societies in the school, temperance and missionary societies, and a Junior Epworth League. The children are enthusiastic over their work, and as we attend the meetings every Friday afternoon, and look into their bright, earnest faces, we praise the Lord anew for the privilege of feeding so many of his little lambs. I should not fail to report the valuable service which our three Bible women have rendered both to the school and Church. They have been untiring in their care of the sick, and efforts to uplift their people and save lost souls. Hermana Barbosa is particularly good at selling Bibles and distributing tracts; Señorita Ramirez, in leading children into the Church; while Hermana Paz excels in turning men and women from the darkness and superstition of Catholicism to the true gospel light. Forty-seven have been converted under her teaching during the year, and many others brought into our Church. If we only had a Bible training school for the women of Mexico, how much faster we could take the field for Jesus! "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." May the Lord teach us his will, and make us more active in his service!

Miss Annie Churchill finds her work in the Mary Keener Institute quite attractive, the children under her care being bright and tractable. Their ideas of right and wrong have grown, the effort to do right for the sake of *right* becoming a principle with many. Miss Churchill has in Sunday school an interesting class of boys between the ages of ten and fourteen. Their attendance is not very satisfactory, but good seed is being sown that may bring forth a hundredfold some day. The League work has attention, and every day as well as Sunday is full of opportunities for good.

Summary of Statistics.

Number of missionaries	18
Number of assistants	45
Number of boarding schools	7
Number of day schools	16

Number of pupils in boarding schools	400
Number of pupils in day schools and woman's class	2,287
Total number of pupils	2,687
Number of Church members	300
Number of pupils in Sunday school	814
Number of Bible women	19
Number of scholarships	14
Number of kindergartens	2
Value of property	$150,000

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SCHOOL AT PIRACICABA, BRAZIL.

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BRAZIL MISSION CONFERENCE.

MISSIONARIES.

Miss Mattie Watts,
Miss M. A. Moore,*
Miss Amelia Elerding,
Miss Eliza Perkinson,
Miss Ida Shaffer,
Miss Lily Stradley,
Miss Layona Glenn,
Miss Leonora Smith,
Miss Willie Bowman,
Miss Mary Pescud,
Miss May Umberger.

The faithful and consecrated representatives of the Woman's Board in the bounds of the Brazil Mission Conference are seeing some of the results of their labors. The Piracicaba work, with its well-laid foundations, is losing nothing in influence and good results as the years go by. The numbers fluctuate in the Petropolis school, but doubtless the seed sowing amid many misgivings will bring forth abundantly in future. The school does not depend, as at first, for its patronage upon the visitors during the heated term in Rio. This is a hopeful sign, as a boarding school with a day patronage should have the confidence of the community in which it is located. Rio work presents problems hard to solve. The heat, the frequent visitation of yellow fever, the lack of buildings owned by the Board—all combine to tax the patience and strength of those in charge. Miss Glenn is doing well, and Miss Bowman is with her serving as faithfully.

Juiz de Fora has done, as usual, remarkably well. The young ladies who had been overtaxed by a constantly increasing patronage were reënforced by Miss Mary Pescud, who was sent out one year ago. The property that we hoped to secure has not yet been purchased, as the amount appropriated was not sufficient. Brother Tucker wrote January 11 that in looking over the ground he had not been able to find anything suitable at $5,000, even as a first payment. It would hardly be good policy to reduce the patronage and take a house so small that growth would be impossible. Eighteen or twenty thousand dollars, he thinks, is the least amount demanded. Miss Elerding has succeeded well at her new post in São Paulo City, and has the promise of large success as evangelist and Bible reader.

* Home on leave.

The following report is from Miss Mattie Watts, Superintendent of the Brazil work under the Woman's Board:

My duties in the school of which I am Principal have kept me very busy. Quite a number of trips have been made to Rio. Last January I went to Juiz de Fora to visit the school and to carry the salaries and other amounts appropriated to that field. I carried with me Mrs. Tilly, whose presence for several months was a boon to the sisters there. The school was doing well, only Miss Shaffer's low state of health threw a gloom over the mind and heart. In April I went on a similar errand to Piracicaba. The Secretary had ordered the installing of Miss Smith in Miss Moore's place while the latter prepared for her home-coming. The charge was accepted by Miss Smith, who began at once to plan for the future. When the time arrived for Miss Moore and Miss Ross to leave I asked Miss Bowman to go to Miss Smith's assistance.

The action of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in annual session at Greensboro, which ordered Miss Stradley to Piracicaba and Miss Bowman to Rio, was unexpected, but we accepted it. In July I went to Piracicaba again to assist and encourage Miss Smith. Miss Smith seemed well and strong and capable, and was well received by the people, but later on her health gave way, and with it her courage, and it was well that Miss Stradley should take charge of affairs there, though it seemed that we could not spare her from Petropolis. She went and took hold at once; and, though she had to work hard, she was very much pleased with the results. Miss Bowman's assistance as housekeeper and house mother, and Mrs. Brown's kindness as well as her ability to do her own work, with the assistance of the other faithful teachers, the most of whom were children of the college, made it possible for Miss Stradley to arrange time for Miss Smith's visitation work, as her health had so much improved that she could go out on these missions two half days in the week.

The school numbered over a hundred pupils and the work was difficult; but as all were willing-hearted, it was done with credit to themselves and profit to their pupils.

The first two months of the year found Misses Glenn and Bowman "climate bound" in Rio. They accepted the situation and worked on notwithstanding the heat and danger, and the pastor of the English and Portuguese congregations said that they held the latter together in his absence by their visits to the members and their faithfulness to the Sunday school and to the services held by the substitute. Miss Glenn's day school work has been hard and not very cheering, but she has done all she could to build them up, and is now better satisfied with the results than she was a year ago.

Misses Perkinson and Shaffer have worked faithfully in their old house, hoping for a better one. While Miss Shaffer was sick Miss Perkinson refused to let me send her help from any of the schools, knowing it meant sacrifice on somebody's part; so she nobly did her own work and a part of Miss Shaffer's, happy that God had sent her Mrs. Tilly in her time of need. Her assistants stood by her and did their part in bearing the additional burden. Miss Shaffer is now much better in health and is one of our

strongest spirits and a fine influence for good. She is as kind as she is courageous to correct evil.

Miss Stradley did well while here and has done well in Piracicaba, and has proven that wherever she serves she will do well the work of her Master and her Board. Miss Umberger has done faithfully the work assigned her. She loves to visit the Church members and the sick folk in the hospital, and has done much good in this way. Miss Elerding went to São Paulo according to appointment, and seems to be happy and hopeful, and we pray that she may do a great work among the mixed population of that great city. The Presbyterians have their schools and congregations there, but they have no Bible women, thus leaving the whole field to Miss Elerding. Miss Pescud is at work on the language, and is helping with the teaching in the Collegio Mineiro. Her presence has given good cheer to Miss Perkinson and Miss Shaffer.

We are praying for more grace, that while we have much work to do it may not take away our missionary enthusiasm. We wish always to keep in mind that our Savior is still saying, "Go ye into all the world," and adding, "Lo, I am with you alway." M. H. Watts, *Agent.*

As Principal of the Petropolis school Miss Watts writes:

Last December I reported fifty-three pupils in attendance, and later on the number increased to sixty-four; but, as is always the case, some withdrew, and so when we closed in June we had sixty-two in the schools. We closed with this nice number, and knew of no reason why we should not have as many or even more in August, for our patronage did not come from the "summer" inhabitants, as it had the first two years of our school existence, but after the two months' vacation we reopened with only twenty-three in the two schools. We were hopeful as the days went by, and worked as hard as if we had a large school; but when we closed the schools for the Christmas holidays we had only thirty-six in college and kindergarten together. Many reasons are given for this shortage; such as hard times, sickness, distance, and the like; but I think the truth is that the people, having found that ours is a religious establishment, have "gone back from following us." The Brazilians do not want the religion of a living Christ; they want a dead Jesus of Nazareth on a cross or in the tomb. Neither do they believe in a life of self-denial; they want a religion that will permit them to dance all night while they are waiting for the hour to arrive for them to "play" that the Christ rises from the tomb.

Under such conditions our income is not sufficient to pay expenses, and I do not know just how we are to manage for the future, unless our school increases. God is our Father, and he knows our *need*, and has pledged himself to *supply* it.

We have much to be thankful for, for our children show progress in deportment as well as in their classes. Our written examinations, which took place the week before Christmas, were most satisfactory. The children were earnest and seemed to be doing their best. Their grades showed that they had tried, and we were much pleased. During the year one girl gave

up Catholicism and united with our Church. Another, who has been a member of the Church for a long time, found Jesus while isolated from her playmates on one occasion, and is making a brave effort to serve God despite an inherited bad temper. We hear of others who say they can never be Catholics again, but are prevented making a profession by the opposition of their parents.

Since the 13th of November we have had as a member of our family a dear little baby. She is less than three years old, but talks well and seems to be wonderfully developed for one of her age. She says her "mother is in heaven," but she did not know the names of God and Jesus when she came. It was hard for her, at first, to keep quiet during the reading of the Bible and prayers, but now she submits beautifully, and for the "blessing" at table she bows her head in her hands as any dear little child in a Christian family. She is a wonder study for us all. We want to have her first religious impressions connected with the Bible. We want to teach her to be good because God tells us to be, and not because somebody will punish her.

In the beginning of the year we had Miss Huber, of Berne, Switzerland, to assist with the kindergarten, and Miss Kennedy to teach the music and drawing, but Miss Holder's coming to the kindergarten dispensed with Miss Huber's services; and, as Miss Sloss had come to teach the music, we could let Miss Kennedy go home as she had long wished to do. This left our drawing classes without a teacher. My own work in the schoolroom since August occupied the time from nine until three in the afternoon, with the exception of one half hour for rest just before the periods given to physical culture and penmanship. My faithful assistant, Miss Umberger, has stood by me in the schoolroom and in the housekeeping.

The first half of the year Miss Stradley gave out the school supplies and made out the accounts of these for me, and Miss Umberger ordered the pantry supplies and took account of the daily expenditures. The last half of the year Miss Umberger has done both, in addition to her school work and visiting. Until Miss Holder came I gave the mornings to the kindergarten, and until three in the schoolroom, and afterwards I tried to finish the "course of study," but when I was obliged to fill my time with class work I had to give that up. All of the schools need a systematic course of study; and if I can find time, I shall prepare one.

My two Brazilian helpers, who received years of care in the Collegio Piracicabano, have improved in teaching ability and as disciplinarians. The children respect them and obey them, and study well for them. I am very proud of these girls. They have given proofs of solid Christian character. They believe that Methodists ought to follow the Discipline, and that Christians ought to follow the Bible, and are willing to submit to the first and are trying to do the last. The wheels of our domestic machinery have run smoothly, especially since one of the servants was converted. Both are members of the Church. They take "week about" in doing the house and kitchen work, and are happier for the change. Our gardener and man of all work continues a Catholic, but has consented to his son's attending our Sunday school and church. Our religious teaching is the same as ever, with an additional lesson in the Bible each week.

Miss Umberger, who assists Miss Watts at Petropolis, also spoke of the removal of pupils because parents were alarmed for fear they would be won for Christ and be lost to the Romanist Church. She spoke also of a young girl from Rio, who was with them, a strong Catholic when she entered the school, but who sought and found salvation through Christ and united with our Church. The translation of a book of texts for daily use, compiled by a Mrs. J. K. Barney, called the "Pocket Friend," was done by Miss Umberger, and is meeting with some success. It is a tastefully gotten up booklet, which may do great good scattered through the empire. The word of God thus sent out will accomplish great things, and Miss Umberger will be happy in the thought of much being done for Christ through its little pages.

Piracicaba, where the work of the Woman's Board was first planted, has made itself felt throughout that section. Miss Stradley and Miss Smith, both of whom have had much to do in the conduct of the school, report the following facts. Miss Stradley says:

The past year has been full of opportunities for work, and I have tried to use them as best I knew how. May He who rules all pardon the omissions and mistakes!

From the beginning of the year till the 6th of September, excepting two months of holidays, I did full class room work in the Petropolis school, and tried to help in making a Christian home for our pupils out of school hours, perhaps one of the most important parts of our work. The lack of homes and home government is a fatal weakness of the Brazilian people.

Our work in the ladies' societies continues to grow and bear fruit. Being president of the English branch, I gave much of my energy to that and to my English Bible class in Sunday school, and saw develop a love for Bible study and great financial aid rendered to our Church. On account of greater facility in speaking Portuguese, I was able to do more visiting among the Brazilians.

At your June meeting I was appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by Miss Moore's absence in the United States, but I received no notice of this till early in August. Miss Smith was then directing Collegio Piracicabano, and Miss Watts had also been in Piracicaba several weeks helping her. All things being adjusted, I left Petropolis September 6, and arrived in Piracicaba September 9. There I have experienced what I already knew, that directing one of our colleges is very difficult and very responsible work. I found in actual attendance one hundred and twenty-five pupils. Twenty-eight of these slept in the house, and three others took all their meals there and were present at domestic worship. The religious atmosphere of the institution was excellent and the deportment of the children unusually good.

Miss Smith was just recovering from a two weeks' illness, during which time Mrs. Brown and Miss Bowman had shown great ability and fidelity in the management of affairs. Here I feel that it is just to our whole faculty to give them a word of commendation. Three of them are ladies educated by Miss Watts, and are as true in their love and devotion as daughters should be to their mother. Mrs. Brown needs no commendation, and the two gentlemen, the Portuguese and French teachers, seem to make their interests ours. A good deal of repairing and painting had been done just before my arrival, and we hope to do more during the coming year.

An annex, containing an assembly room below and dormitories above, seems to be a necessity of the near future. I hope to prepare for this work by building a back porch which shall connect the future with the present building, and at the end of which there will be a room for ironing. I also desire to put a tile floor in the front porch, for unless this is done all will be lost.

The rapid growth of the music class may necessitate the buying of a piano during the year, but a good music class is one of our best sources of revenue, and to gain best results we must offer best advantages.

Miss Bowman has, during her stay in Collegio Piracicabano, magnified the office of matron and was an inestimable help, relieving me of all housekeeping cares and much of the responsibility of the children, so that I might look after the school and business.

November 28–30 were given to written examinations which were very satisfactory, and on December 1 the closing exercises, consisting of music, recitations, essays, drills, etc., took place and were appreciated by all.

We have tried to base all our school work on the Word of God, and he will give the results.

Miss Leonora Smith writes also of the same work:

School opened July 4 with 90 pupils, 17 of whom were boarders. Old pupils returned and new ones entered during the quarter, till at the close the enrollment is 129; full boarders, 28, and half boarders, 3. The seating capacity of our study hall was not sufficient, so we had to improvise eight seats to accommodate the number who came to us. The general deportment has been good, and a marked improvement has been apparent in the application of the older girls. Four of our boarders were received into the Church, and others are retained as candidates, as their parents prefer their waiting awhile before entering into full connection. One of these wrote pleadingly to her father, emphasizing the importance of considering the soul's eternal welfare and of accepting Christ while there is time.

The work of reorganizing for the new term, and supervising, keeping books, and looking after the repairs that were being done on the house and premises, fell heavily upon me, as I had recently entered upon these duties, and had full teaching, except one period, daily. Miss Bowman came July 7, and took charge of the housekeeping. We have but one house servant, who does the cooking, the other house work being done by girls favored by the college. Miss Bowman and I arranged a different programme for each week of the month, so that the work will not grow monotonous, and opportunity is

thus given the girls to learn the different duties of housekeeping. Many of them work well and willingly, and some are developing into strong Christian characters.

Miss Watts kindly sacrificed a portion of her vacation and came to our aid about the middle of July, and remained until August 8. Her presence and help were invaluable—in fact, I could hardly have managed the work without her. We were trying to have the repairs completed before Conference, and at times as many as four different kinds of work were being done at once. Necessarily there were many interruptions and some confusion; but the children, instead of taking advantage of the irregularities, adapted themselves to the circumstances and behaved well.

Preparations for the entertainment of Conference were greatly lightened by the reception of a huge trunk, containing sheets, pillowcases, towels, and napkins by the dozens, besides tablecloths, quilts, and other articles. The dear sisters of the Alabama Conference had filled it and sent it to me for the school by Brother Bruce. It could not have reached us at a more opportune time.

Miss Watts left during Conference. I missed her greatly, but endeavored to discharge the many duties that had fallen to my lot. I was taken sick, however, about two weeks later, and the doctor forbade my teaching for some length of time. He pronounced my trouble a light attack of bronchitis, but I think it was chiefly fatigue, as I suffered but little except from weakness. The strain had been too great after Miss Moore's departure. Miss Stradley arrived and took charge of the school. This was a great relief to me. I am delighted to have her for a fellow-worker, and to have the ties strengthened which were made on our voyage to Brazil.

Mrs. Brown's coming (August 3) was a wonderful help. She at once entered upon her duties as principal of the music class. Besides music she took three English classes, but music pupils soon began to enter, and before the end of the quarter she had sixteen, and we had to relieve her of two English classes. She is loved by every one, and her musical talent is already favorably known to the public, and the prospects for advancement in her department are flattering.

The spiritual growth of the boarders is cause of happiness. Thirteen of these are members of our Church, and six are waiting to be taken into full connection. The larger girls of their own accord organized a prayer meeting, in which nearly all take part. I have been doing some visitation work. A Bible woman, supported by the auxiliary of Fayette, Mo., has done some work, and we hope for larger fruitage later on.

Rio, as reported by Miss Glenn:

The school work in Rio consists of three schools. First, the Collegio Americano Fluminense, in which is taught all the branches taught in the other colleges of the Mission, and in which live the representatives of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions; secondly, the Cattette day school; and thirdly, the Jardim day school, in which are taught only the common school branches in Portuguese and the Bible.

The work for 1898 has struggled under many drawbacks and encountered

many difficulties, but has nevertheless gone forward. We were short of workers. Miss Bowman and I did all we could until the 1st of July, when she went to Piracicaba. Alone, I did my best to carry on the work on all lines without interruption, and, with the exception of the house to house visiting, there was no break in the regular order of things.

The beginning of October found the Collegio Americano Fluminense in its new home, a large house occupying the best situation we have had since I have been in Rio. The expenses are much more than where we were before, but the advantages are infinitely greater, and unless the exchange changes a great deal we shall be able to meet our obligations, and we hope that the school will so improve because of the present situation that we shall be able to reduce the expense to the Board. We secured several new pupils because of our new location, and we hope to have with us at the opening of the next session still greater proofs of the Lord's approval of our step.

My increasing duties and the necessity of being out a great deal made it necessary to have a teacher to stay in the house with me to receive the children in the morning and send them away in the afternoon. Being unable to get a Christian to fill the place, I engaged a young lady who was a Catholic. She has been with me now three months. She was very much impressed by the services (for she always attends church with me), and especially by the study of the Bible at family worship and in the schoolroom. Before she had been long with us she became deeply distressed about her spiritual condition, began to read the Bible privately and seek the Lord, and was converted and is now a member of our Church.

Our examinations came off nicely. Some of the children had most beautiful papers, although they had never passed a written examination before.

The school at the Jardin closed on the 15th, so that I could attend the closing exercises there and also be at the closing of the Collegio Americano Fluminense on the 16th. The Catette school closed on the 21st, so I was able to be there also. All did well. The attendance has been quite regular, considering the presence of whooping cough at one time. One little girl from the Jardin and one from the Collegio applied for admission into the Church this quarter. "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not."

This year has been, on the whole, the most satisfactory that I have spent in Brazil. The work has been heavy, and much of the time I have been alone, but thus far the Lord hath blessed me and given me strength for the duties that lay nearest to me. However, the stacks of unanswered letters that meet my view when I open my desk are silent witnesses that there is a limit to time and strength, and my heart aches when I remember that many of them are appeals from the workers at home for information about the work in the field. I realize that that is the only way to keep them in touch with us; and if I could, I would answer them all, but it seems so infinitely more important to do the work which lies before me than to tell about that which has been done.

Miss Bowman has been associated with Miss Glenn in the Rio

work for some years, and has proved herself successful in evangelistic work, having done much house to house visiting, thus strengthening the Church. For some months during the past year she did good service in Piracicaba, both in the home life and school life of the Mission. She seems to put her heart into any work that she feels called to do. Besides her regularly appointed work, Miss Bowman had a class in Church history which she met once a week.

Miss Perkinson, the Principal of Collegio Mineiro at Juiz de Fora, sends the following:

When a missionary has learned to write full and attractive reports, and to do it easily, she has, in my opinion, mastered an important branch of mission work—perhaps the one which ranks next to learning the language. It has always been difficult to decide just what and how much ought to be reported to give the Board a correct, clear-cut, and well-defined idea of the work as it has run throughout the year.

Looking backward, we praise the all-wise Father that it has been as well with us as it has. Many blessings and not a few chastenings have we received from his hand, all of which he sent to teach us some precious lesson. Quietly and steadily has the work in the Mineiro gone forward. We have thought it unwise to enlarge our plan until the course of study now well under headway could be finished, hence we have directed all our efforts to thoroughness and efficiency in the work already projected.

Early in the year we were reënforced by the coming of Mrs. Belle Tilly, who took charge of the housekeeping, greatly to the relief of Miss Shaffer, upon whom these cares then rested. She remained with us until school closed in June, assisting us in any way she could. For this and her deeds of personal kindness we acknowledge our gratitude and pray that, as she gave, so may she receive blessing in this life and that to come.

The June examinations were, on the whole, satisfactory and would compare favorably with those of the schools I knew in the home land. The closing entertainment was given the 17th of June in the hall of the Sociedade Auxiliadora Portugueza. The officials generously and most courteously placed their hall at our disposal for the day, thus showing a kindly feeling and interest in the college. The 18th was commencement day for Granbery, and on the 19th Brother Wolling preached the annual sermon to the pupils of the two colleges. During the protracted meeting held through the last month of the school term there was a marked religious awakening among the girls. All in the house, except two or three, were more or less influenced.

Vacation was spent in the usual way, resting, gathering back lost strength and planning for the reopening of school. In July came the joyful tidings that a new missionary had been appointed to the Mineiro, and that an appropriation of $15,000 had been made for the purpose of buying property for the college. Thus came the answer to oft-repeated prayers, and we felt that cause for so much joy could come but once in a lifetime. Miss Pesc'd

reached Juiz the 1st of August, and seemed from the beginning to fall into line and become one of us.

The new scholastic year opened August 26, with 32 pupils present, a majority of whom had been with us the year before. We divided the work among ourselves as seemed best for each one. Miss Shaffer has taken almost entire charge of the schoolroom. Miss Pescud has two English classes, the writing and drawing, which with the heavy study she gives Portuguese, keep her busy. I have Old Testament history, painting, the business of the college, and housekeeping. Both Miss Shaffer and myself are continuing the study of the language. We have done what we could toward finding a suitable location, getting estimates and planning for the purchase of our new home. Yet we have not found anything that is within our reach, which would justify us in taking any decided steps toward an immediate purchase. It is hard to wait patiently, though I know that when Misses Shaffer and Pescud suggest that this forced delay may be providential they are right. In a matter of so much importance it is at least safe to make haste slowly. We are again considering the purchase of the house we occupy. Though old and high in price, it could be fixed up so as to serve until the way opens to tear it away and build a new one. The location is certainly the best in the city.

In the way of furnishings we have not done a great deal this year. A class of twenty-six music pupils required another instrument, and we had either to get it or lose our girls. We have had more trouble than usual this year in making collections, but by dint of strict economy and perseverance we have been able to keep things going.

We close the calendar year with an enrollment of 84 pupils; 52 are now with us, of whom 18 are boarders and 34 are day pupils.

Miss Shaffer has "passed through deep waters" during the year, having suffered months of anxiety because of her father's failing health. Her health felt the pressure, but her Heavenly Father comforted her, not only during the anxious waiting time but during the sad weeks which followed her bereavement. The days of sickness ended in the translation of her dear one, who exchanged the suffering of this life for the joys of the life to come. Miss Shaffer's work during the year closing was not spent in idleness, but day after day, when the clouds of anxiety filled her heart, her hands were busy. Miss Pescud's appointment to Juiz was timely, lifting much of the work from shoulders too heavily burdened. Miss Shaffer speaks of the study of the life of Christ by the Bible class, the Sunday school work, the daily verses memorized by the pupils, with assurance of the impression made upon those to whom the Bible was a sealed book. The children show much interest in these things; and while few have shown by a profession that a great change has taken place in their hearts, no doubt remains that the dogmas of Romanism are not so fixed. Like many others called to

the foreign field, Miss Shaffer expresses deep gratitude that God has given her the privilege of showing the gospel light in the spiritual darkness of Brazil.

Miss Mary Peseud, who reached Juiz de Fora last August, entered almost immediately upon her work. The hearty welcome extended, the consciousness of her call to that particular field, and the claims of the work—all combined to make her new life one of joy as well as satisfaction. From all reports, her advancement in the Portuguese language has been very creditable. When study is a delight and the student has a consuming desire to handle a foreign tongue that she may deliver her gospel message, early success crowns her efforts. Teaching some classes in English, looking after the boarding departments, presiding at the organ, attending all the Church services fill her days with satisfaction as well as work. She says: "A missionary can find use for all the information she has, and will then feel 'I wish I knew much more, and could multiply myself into many, that I might help to fill the gaps to be seen in our picket line of workers.' I praise God that he led me to Juiz de Fora, and desire nothing higher or better for myself than to serve him more perfectly and hasten the coming of his kingdom."

São Paulo.

New work was begun in this city last fall. At the last meeting of the Board it was decided to occupy this important center, and at least open up by evangelistic work. For this purpose Miss Amelia Elerding was transferred from Rio, and gives a summary of her work as follows:

Another year is near its close. How has it been spent? The first six months of it I spent among dear friends in the home land, where I tried to embrace every opportunity to get new ideas and new methods referring directly or indirectly to woman's work. I attended all the religious gatherings I could, and spent many happy hours with God's consecrated children. I became more and more convinced that if we would be successful in leading souls to Christ we must spend more time at the feet of Jesus.

One happy week was spent at the meeting of the Woman's Board at Greensboro, N. C. Sometimes while struggling in the field a feeling would steal over me that we were working all alone, but that meeting of the Board convinced me that I was mistaken. Those noble women are working with us, are upholding us with their prayers, sympathy, time, and gifts, May the Lord bless them! and while they are working so hard I will strive to be a worthy representative in word and in deed of such a noble body.

One month was consumed on the way to Brazil. I shall never forget the cordial welcome I received the day I landed in Rio from those who met us

at the steamer and also that evening in the church. I was so happy to be back again. While at home friends seemed to vie with each other to make everything pleasant for me, and I enjoyed and appreciated their kindness, but it is a sweeter pleasure still to carry the blessed gospel to these poor deluded and benighted souls. I remained in Rio one month, and then came to my new appointment in São Paulo.

What shall I say about São Paulo? It is a picturesque city situated on a table-land. Some one said, "There are many sinners here;" and for that reason it is a desirable field for missionary labor, and I feel thankful to the Lord and also to the Board for sending me here. I cannot say much of what I have done, as the work is still in its incipiency and needs time to develop, but the Lord is with us.

I am very much interested in our little Italian mission. During the four months that I have been here six have been received into the Church. I have taken up the Italian language, and give about one hour a day to it. I hope to be able soon to sing the Italian songs and to read the Scriptures in that tongue. The mission has lately been moved into new quarters, and since then the hall has been filled and many remain outside. They are not very easily reached, but after they are won for the Master they stand and show their colors. There are ninety thousand Italian inhabitants in São Paulo, and they need salvation, as do the Brazilian.

The work among the Brazilians and Portuguese is just as interesting. We have a nice little Sunday school, and the preaching services are well attended. São Paulo sorely needs a church. Some are giving money for that purpose now, but the members are all so poor that if we do not receive outside help it will take many years before we will have a church, as property is very high.

We have an interesting Ladies' Aid Society, of which I am the President. The interest in the meetings is increasing, and the money we receive is to go toward the new church, yet our main aim is to develop Christian activity among our members. The missionary is needed, but she must not do everything. The native members must be made to feel and realize that the Lord has a work for each one of them to do. It is our part to patiently instruct, to bear with their weaknesses and failures and encourage them whenever we can.

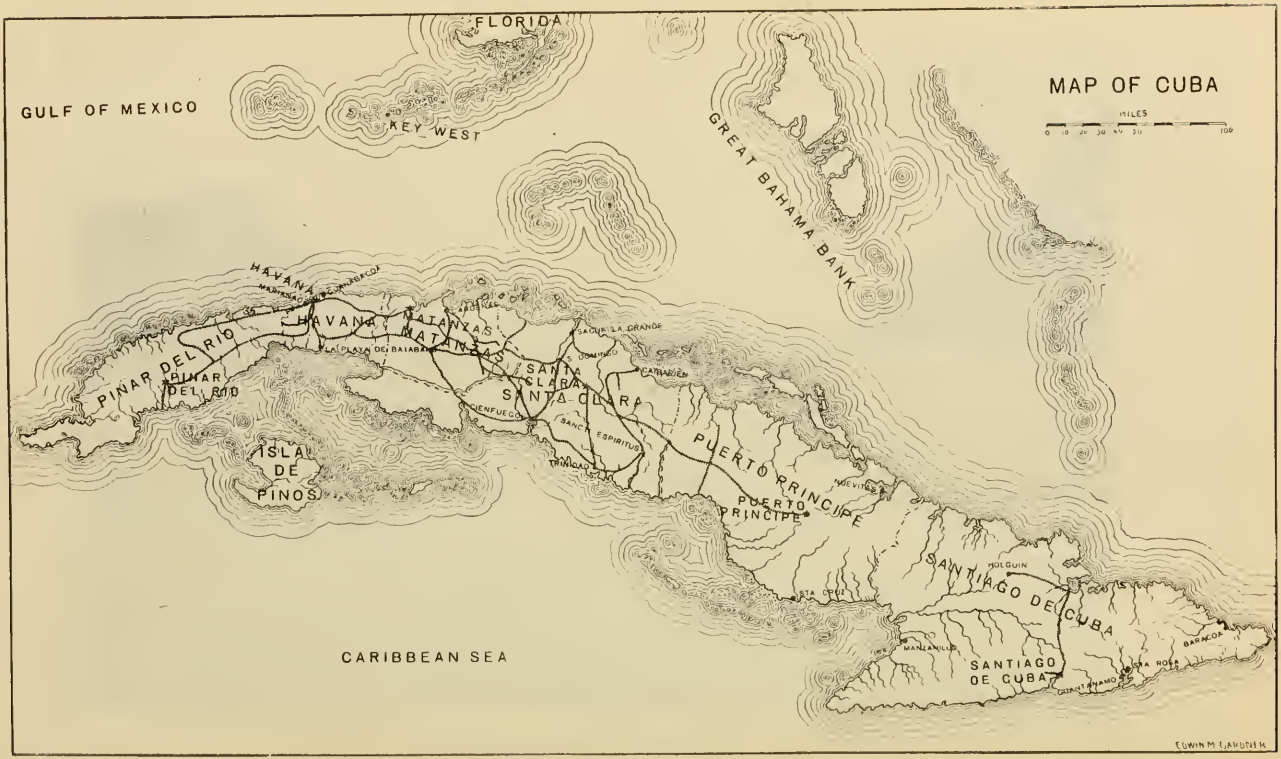
Rev. R. A. Torry, in his book "How to Bring Men to Christ," says: "Whenever you have led any one to Christ follow him up in the development of his Christian life." My experience here, as in Rio, is that more than two-thirds of my time must be given to following up those who have been led to Christ. The ignorance, the suffering, and the poverty are appalling. I do all I can, and yet much remains to be done.

Summary of Statistics.

Stations	5
Missionaries	11
Teachers	28
Total missionaries and teachers	39
Boarding schools	3

Pupils in boarding schools	211
Members of the Church	22
Day schools	3
Pupils in day schools	66
Total pupils	277
Kindergartens	2
Under instruction	277
Bible woman	2
Visits made	165
Gospels distributed	2
Tracts	50
Scripture readings	95
Opportunities for prayer	96
School buildings owned by the Board	2
Value	$75,000
Rented buildings	4
Total value of property	$75,000

ENTRANCE TO SANTIAGO HARBOR.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ISLAND OF CUBA.

Work of the Woman's Board Opened in 1899.

Santiago.

MISSIONARY.

Miss Hattie G. Carson.

ASSISTANT.

Mrs. Pelot.

When the Woman's Board decided to open work on the island of Cuba, last June, the military power of America was breaking the fetters of Spanish oppression and preparing the way for independence and an open Bible. Events followed with startling rapidity until Spain was forced to retire, but the distracted condition of the people prevented the Woman's Board from carrying out its purposes until recently. The outlook is encouraging, although up to this time only one large city has been occupied—the city of Santiago. On her way to her post of duty Miss Carson visited several large cities, with a view to extending our work. Mrs. Pelot was on the ground first in Santiago, and soon gathered together a number of interesting children, and opened school. At first there were eight pupils; the number has now increased to thirty-three.

METHVIN INSTITUTE, ANADARKO, OKLA.

NORTH AMERICA.

WORK AMONG THE INDIANS.

Woman's Board Began Operations in 1886.

This work has been subjected to discouragements during the past year, owing to the opposition of what may be known as medicine men among the natives, as well as the efforts of the Roman Catholics to interfere with the pupils of Methvin Institute. The accompanying letter from Rev. J. J. Methvin, Principal of Methvin Institute, will show that he thinks all the trouble has really resulted in the furtherance of the gospel. He writes as follows:

Work among the Wild Tribes on Kiowa, Comanche, and Wichita Reservation.

In all our work we have met with an encouraging measure of success. At the opening of the fall session of the school we experienced some reverses in patronage on account of the chicanery of the Indian medicine men and the Catholic priest. On account of our teachings against certain vices common among the Indians, such as the ghost dance, mescal eating, and polygamy, the medicine men became incensed, and the Catholic priests, taking advantage of this, managed through the chiefs to get some of our patronage and also to deter from coming to school some who wished to come. Thus we suffered for the time being, but it all resulted in good to our work in its moral reflex; for it placed us in more prominent light and in sharp and distinctive contrast with the opposition in our stand for the right against the wrong. We have, therefore, been recovering ground upon a higher plane than ever before, and the work thus done under the pressure of opposition makes deeper and more abiding impress. Our patronage gradually increases in spite of the opposition, and there is marked improvement in the progress of the pupils, which, I trust, will tell in its effect upon our enemies in the future. There are several items of interest that indicate the advanced condition of many of our pupils. 1. They carry responsibility better than ever before. They can be trusted to take charge of and carry out work assigned them. 2. An increased interest and enthusiasm in all lines of work, both in the schoolroom and in the industrial departments. They are doing better schoolroom work than ever, and some are manifesting special interest in music. 3. Religion has become more of a principle with them governing their daily life. Although we have had much sickness among the people at large, and some among the employees, yet the health of the pupils has been excellent and they have been comparatively exempt from the prevailing diseases. On account of the prevailing sickness for the past two months, I had to improvise some "sick rooms" here at the school in order to take in the sick both

among the Indians and the whites. One young man, a Pottawattamie, died here of pneumonia after an illness of three weeks. He was a very wicked man, but ten days or more before his death he professed faith in Jesus, and died at last in blessed triumph. Others who have been here sick have been affected for good and turned from their wicked way.

We have a faithful corps of workers in every department. Misses Hall, Methvin, and Burton are doing good work in the literary and music departments. Miss Hall has been with us several years, and seems never to tire of the work. Miss Burton has not been with us so long, having joined us January 1st, ult., but she has taken hold with the enthusiasm and purpose of a skilled worker, and is thus far successful. She has the equipment of a thorough training in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and this under sanctifying grace makes her a successful worker. She has charge of the music class, together with two or three classes in the literary department.

Miss Trawick, who also has had thorough training in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, has made a success in the matron's department. Under her care the girls have developed rapidly in self-reliant and efficient work, and in moral and religious character. Miss Hattie Bradford, assistant matron and seamstress; Miss Mattie Cox, laundress; Miss Anna Affleck, cook; and T. J. Pritchett, industrial teacher, have all been faithful in their several departments. Taken as a whole, I believe we have a better corps of workers now than at any time during the history of the school. Sallie Santiago, one of our pupils, trained here in the school for several years, attends to our baking. She is a sweet-spirited, modest, Christian girl, and carries her convictions into her work. She does her work well.

It is important to teach these Indian pupils industries such as will equip them for self-reliant, independent life as they go out into the world. It is an easy matter, at very little additional cost, to provide for teaching the girls all industries common to women; but I am often perplexed about the boys, for we need several enterprises for them, the equipment for which will cost money; such as blacksmith, harness, wood, tailor, and shoe shops. All these would cost money; but could such work be introduced, it would have an effect of incalculable good for the future of these people, and make effective the teaching of the gospel as never before. With the girls, in addition to the usual work of the sewing room, in cutting, fitting, mending, quilting, we are beginning a class in fancy work, and hope in this connection to develop several lines of useful employment.

In addition to the work of the school we carry on systematic camp work, through our teachers among the Indians at large. This work is done on Saturdays and after school hours in the afternoons. By this means good is accomplished and we are kept in touch with the people at large.

One of our buildings needs repairs very much. This is the main building in which are the girls' sleeping rooms, and those of the teachers and employees, kitchen and dining room and work rooms. It was built when lumber had to be hauled sixty-five miles, and the carpenters were so sparing with lumber that they did not put in enough bracing to secure it against the constant strain of the heavy winds in this section. There ought to be at least $300 put into repairs on this building soon. It will save a larger

amount later on. I have some apprehensions as to the effect of the spring winds, that will soon begin; and if I could put the needed repairs on now, it would be well. The other buildings, so far as strength is concerned, are in good condition, but all of the buildings need painting, and the school building needs to be *finished* and *seated*. For three years now it has stood in an unfinished condition, without means with which to complete and paint it. The moral effect of this upon the people is not encouraging, and we are put at a disadvantage. Estimates for these things you will find inclosed. The future of our work is good. I have faith in the Indian. He is not impervious to the gospel, he is susceptible of a real and true development in Christian civilization, and, while the reaping may be apparently slow, yet God's word is true, and we shall reap if we faint not. God's presence goes with us and his blessings rest upon us. Enlargement is before us. We have two scholarships now; one, "Nora Hotchkiss," supported by the Corsicana (Tex.) Society; the other by the Brownwood (Tex.) Society.

The enrollment since last report is ninety-two, eighty-five of whom are boarders.

On account of the opposition of medicine men our average attendance has not been as good as the year previous. I feel confident that we will increase in patronage another year.

Miss Helen Brewster, who superintends the camp work at Fort Sill and Mt. Scott, as well as supervises Bible woman's work, sends the report following. In no field have we a more faithful, conscientious worker than Miss Brewster. Through untiring effort and personal sacrifice she succeeded in securing a hospital that has already done much for the sick. Miss Brewster says:

In giving an account of the Indian work at Mt. Scott and Fort Sill I will say, in noting the advancement made over the work of last year, that I can compare it to nothing better than to the silent but sure course of the sun on a bright summer day. One cannot see its swift march, but at noon we find a change in position and an increase of heat. So with our work. There has been a more rapid spiritual advance among our native Christians, during the year, than *in any previous year*. Of course the change has been greater at Mt. Scott. Here we have a good large membership, and all work together as a *band* of *brothers*.

At Fort Sill, though our native membership is comparatively small, I can also report the precious truth of Christian growth.

I should like to mention some features of the work peculiar to this year. One is that our Kiowa brethren at Mt. Scott have made quite a good collection of native songs for Christian worship. Not a translation of hymns into Kiowa, for the Kiowa language cannot be thus translated; but they are Christian sentiments set to Kiowa tunes, and very pretty indeed they sound when sung.

Then our Bible woman, Virginia, has been quite a help to the work at Mt. Scott. Owing to some hindrances, she has not been able to accomplish all that she and I hoped for among the women, yet she has done a fairly

good year's work. She was quite timid at first about holding services *by herself;* but now she does it *well*, and with a sweet Christian grace.

We have a large and profitable sewing class at Mt. Scott, and value it highly, as it is a great means of grace and spiritual growth for the women. Not only are they being helped in spiritual matters, but they are learning many useful lessons, and are beginning to make their homes much more what *home* should be.

I am trying at Fort Sill to organize a regular sewing class, but have not quite succeeded yet; however, I shall continue my efforts.

Among the good things accomplished last year, I mention our hospital. For three years past I struggled to have this building, feeling its sore need. The short time we have had it it has proved itself a blessing to us. We have a good frame house—two rooms and a porch. The one large, neat ward will accommodate all the patients that we will have for a while. Should we need another ward, it can be added at comparatively little expense. We are having a hard fight with the medicine men, but we expected that. They use their influence to keep the Indians under their control till the patient is *nearly dead*, then will turn them over to us; however, there are many cases that are utterly beyond their rude skill, which we secure and thank God for the opportunity.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS IN ALL THE FOREIGN FIELDS UNDER THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Number of stations	22
Number of missionaries	53
Teachers and helpers	159
Boarding schools	14
Day schools	62
Total number of pupils	4,320
Bible women	56
Scholarships	114
Bible colleges	2
Hospitals	3
Medical missionary	1
Number of missionaries employed since organization	82
Number married	15
Number who have died	3
Returned because of ill health	11
Pupils in Sunday school, about	2,000
Women under instruction, over	1,000
Value of property owned by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, including the Scarritt Bible and Training School	$388,727 70

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1898-99.

MRS. H. N. MCTYEIRE, Treasurer, in account with Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, M. E. Church, South.

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Alabama Conference	$ 1,919 73
Of above, $52.49, mite boxes; $219.61, thank offerings; $22, Bible woman; $41.05, scholarship; $309.18, juvenile collections.	
Arkansas Conference*	488 67
Of above, $126.20, Harlan Memorial; $2.43, thank offering.	
Baltimore Conference	3,030 32
Of above, $100, day school; $109.77, thank offerings; $17, scholarship; $7, Bible woman; $151.71, Korea; $31.51, mite boxes; $359.12, juvenile collections; $218, bequest of Miss Margaret Stewart.	
Denver Conference	19 55
East Texas Conference	350 10
Of above, $35.85, thank offerings; $13.70, juvenile collections.	
Florida Conference	1,600 53
Of above, $17.20, thank offerings; $52.85, Cuba; $1, mite box; $100, day school; $80, scholarships; $65.23, juvenile collections; $119.90, Bible women; $10.45, Korea.	
Holston Conference	3,062 04
Of above, $515.99, Korea; $4.42, mite boxes; $1,135.72, juvenile collections; $796.68, specials.	
Indian Mission Conference	211 20
Of above, $11.35, juvenile collections; $25, Bible woman.	
Kentucky Conference	2,269 31
Of above, $292.51, thank offerings; $2.70, mite box; $278.26, juvenile collections; $344.80, Bible women; $296.67, Korea; $5.15, Hayes-Wilkins Memorial.	
Little Rock Conference	907 65
Of above, $26.45, thank offerings; $6.58, mite boxes; $160, scholarships; $85.50, juvenile collections.	
Los Angeles Conference	297 75
Of above, $29.54, thank offerings; $21.30, scholarships; $53 26, Bible women; $2.58, Korea; $1.50, Buds.	
Louisiana Conference	916 14
Of above, $160, scholarships; $180, Bible women: $44.70, juveniles; $7.75, mite boxes.	
Louisville Conference	2,698 44
Of above, $68.18, thank offerings; $60, Saltillo; $67.44, mite boxes; $120, scholarships; $203, Bible women; $109.90, Korea; $86.57, C. Murphy Fund; $15, Cuba; $1.75, Buds.	
Memphis Conference	3,376 64
Of above, $14.65, hospital; $10, McGavock Memorial; $21.14, thank offerings; $160, scholarships; $270, Bible women; $42.81, Korea; $22.05, Memorial Fund; $1,184.52, juvenile and young people.	
Mexican Border Mission Conference	6 50
Mississippi Conference	1,055 17
Of above, $5.10, Korea; $25, Bible woman; $10, scholarship; $15, McGavock Memorial; $32.45, thank offerings; $1.75, Buds; $92.26, juvenile collections; $26.08, mite boxes; $100, day school.	
Missouri Conference	2,540 09
Of above, $40, scholarship; $60, Bible woman; $75, Hendrix School, Kading; $5.34, Korea; $31.87, mite box; $927.42, thank offerings for Juiz de Fora.	
North Alabama Conference	2,200 25
Of above, $37.95, thank offerings; $252.80, scholarships; $199.52, juvenile collections; $21.96, mite boxes.	
North Carolina Conference	3,077 17
Of above, $170.97, thank offerings; $338.53, M. Black Memorial; $962.85, juveniles.	
North Georgia Conference	9,386 57
Of above, $55.56, thank offerings; $5.28, mite box; $267.80, scholarships; $787.75, Bible women; $1,532.50, juvenile collections; $369.71, Korea.	
North Mississippi Conference	4,224 49
Of above, $95.63, thank offerings; $750, scholarships; $180, Bible women; $185.53, Korea; $370, day schools; $35.75, Cuba.	

*Arkansas Conference Society collected for 1898-99, $1,039.78, but $551.11 of this was received too late to be included in the Treasurer's Report.

North Texas Conference	$ 1,264 10
Of above, $81.05, thank offerings; $68.91, mite boxes; $90, scholarships; $68.91, Training School.	
Northwest Texas Conference	1,868 64
Of above, $35.70, thank offerings; $60, Cuba; $195.75, scholarships; $180, Bible women; $35.93, Korea.	
Pacific Conference	334 75
Of above, $8, Training School; $63, Bible woman; $24.05, hospital; $2.15, McGavock Memorial; $6.60, thank offering.	
South Carolina Conference	6,094 02
Of above, $1,051.24, thank offerings; $77.49, mite boxes; $720, scholarships, $120, Bible women; $5, Indian Mission; $100, day school.	
South Georgia Conference	6,321 47
Of above, $2,250.72, Clopton School; $180, Bible women: $164.94, mite boxes.	
Southwest Missouri	4,261 19
Of above, $140, day schools; $52.95, Clopton School; $80, scholarships; $120, Bible women; $10.09, Korea; $1,882.54, missionaries.	
St. Louis Conference	1,373 12
Of above, $60, Kading; $30 07, Bible woman; $38.60, thank offering; $6.74, mite box; $128.46, scholarships; $26.11, Korea; $21.30, McGavock Memorial: $16, hospital; $6.50, Buds.	
Tennessee Conference	4,113 10
Of above, $61.71, thank offerings; $111.28, McGavock Memorial; $136.43, scholarships; $203.57, Bible women; $10.93, Korea; $23.13, Cuba.	
Texas Conference	1,333 14
Of above, $38.05, mite boxes; $28.24, thank offerings; $5, Cuba; $548.76, pledge.	
Virginia Conference	6,326 87
Of above, $199.67, mite boxes; $712.20, juvenile and young people; $661.84, scholarships; $430.75, Bible women; $10, teacher; $83.25, day school; $130.05, thank offerings.	
West Texas Conference	334 45
Of above, $76.05, thank offerings; $2.25, Korea.	
Western Conference	64 55
Western North Carolina Conference	3,302 81
Of above, $200, scholarships; $120, Bible women; $766.14, Korea.	
Western Virginia Conference	1,009 76
Of above, $78.13, thank offerings; $7.09, mite boxes; $60, Bible woman; $335.94, pledge.	
White River Conference	835 90
Of above, $9.07, thank offerings; $104.50, day school; $109 20, Bible women; $55.23, Korea.	
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Received of Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, sale of Treasurer's books, etc	40 40
Received of Mrs. A. W. Wilson	2 00
Received of Commercial Bank, dividend	592 53
Received of Miss Minnie Shreve, Alameda, Cal	5 00
Received of Misses Butler and Connor, Cave Spring, Ga	60 00
Received of Mrs. S. C. Trueheart	1 00
Received of Mrs. J. M. Barker, Danville, Mo	1 50
Received of Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, sale of Secretary's books and scholarship for China	65 50
Received of A. C. Hites, Johnsville, Ky	2 70
Received of Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, specials	100 00
Received of Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, sale of books	138 91
Received of Mrs. George W. Gates, Blanchard, Iowa	3 56
Received of Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, sale of Treasurer's books	34 39
Received of Miss R. V. Cloud, Treasurer of Memorial Fund	63 40
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1898.			
April	18.	Paid Miss Helen Richardson, missionary	$ 187 50
May	3.	Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, clerk	50 00
		Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, Editor of *Little Worker*	90 28
	26.	Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary	300 00
	27.	Paid Miss Laura Haygood, fourth quarter for China and Memorial Fund	5,029 00
		Paid Mrs. J. C. Campbell, fourth quarter for Korea	687 50
	31.	Paid E. M. Kennedy, order of Miss Watts	180 00
		Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, clerk	50 00
June	6.	Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, Editor of *Little Worker*	83 13
		Paid expenses of Annual Meeting	396 22
	15.	Paid Mrs. E. C. Smith, order of missionary	80 00
	18.	Paid Amelia Elerding, traveling expenses to Brazil	200 00
	20.	Paid Miss M. H. Watts, fourth quarter for Brazil	2,776 50
		Paid Miss Mary T. Pescud, outfit and traveling expenses to Brazil	340 00
	22.	Paid Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Treasurer, postage, etc	6 00

1898.			
June	22.	Paid Miss Fannie Hinds, outfit and traveling expenses to Korea	$ 450 00
		Paid Miss Amelia Elerding, home salary and balance due on traveling expenses	133 75
		Paid Mrs. Fannie Brown, traveling expenses to Brazil	240 00
		Paid Miss Mary Richardson, outfit and traveling expenses to China	835 90
	30.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, fourth quarter for Mexico and specials	9,240 75
		Paid J. J. Methvin, fourth quarter for Indian Mission	1,375 00
		Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, missionary	187 50
		Paid Mrs. J. W. Shafter, order of missionary	100 00
		Paid Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Editor of Leaflets	25 00
		Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, Editor of *Little Worker*	154 20
July	2.	Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, clerk	50 00
		Paid Miss Lena Freeman, Agent of *Little Worker*	25 00
	11.	Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, printing leaflets and postage	223 64
	30.	Paid Mrs. M. D. Wightman, delegate to New York	50 00
Aug.	3.	Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, Editor of *Little Worker*	62 50
		Paid Miss Lelia Roberts, missionary	153 75
	4.	Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, clerk	50 00
		Paid Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, postage on mite boxes	10 15
	9.	Paid Miss Laura Haygood, specials for China	420 00
		Paid Mrs. J. P. Campbell, specials for Korea	80 00
		Paid Miss Lula Ross, balance on traveling expenses	15 99
	12.	Paid American Paper Co., for mite boxes	89 74
		Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, for printing	29 03
		Paid Miss Fannie Hinds, outfit	50 00
Sept.	2.	Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary, office expenses	125 00
		Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary, salary	300 00
		Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, Clerk	50 00
		Paid Miss Laura Haygood, specials for China	893 00
		Paid Miss N. E. Holding, insurance	366 00
		Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, printing reports	799 73
	3.	Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, Editor of *Little Worker*	62 50
		Paid Miss M. H. Watts, first quarter for Brazil and specials	3,582 50
	7.	Paid Mrs. J. P. Campbell, first quarter for Korea and specials	660 00
		Paid Miss Helen Richardson, first quarter for China and specials	6,643 00
	12.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, Agent, Mexico	250 00
	13.	Paid Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, postage on mite boxes	7 23
	30.	Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, clerk	50 00
		Paid Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Editor of Leaflets	75 00
		Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, Editor of *Little Worker*	62 50
		Paid Miss Ellie Tydings, missionary	187 50
		Paid W. R. Lambuth, Secretary, maps of China	96 25
Oct.	6.	Paid J. J. Methvin, first quarter for Indian Mission	1,255 00
		Paid Miss N. E. Holding, for Mexico	2,000 00
		Paid Mrs. L. M. Johnson, order of missionary	50 00
		Paid Mrs. J. B. Martin, order of missionary	50 00
		Paid Miss M. L. Gibson, order of missionary	87 50
		Paid Mrs. J. P. Campbell, for Bible woman	60 00
		Paid Miss N. E. Holding, first quarter for Mexico and specials	7,354 10
	14.	Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary, for Miss Tydings	20 00
		Paid Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, postage on mite boxes	8 12
		Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, printing leaflets, etc	127 00
	15.	Paid Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Treasurer, office expenses and clerical work	100 00
	25.	Paid Miss Mary Tarrant, outfit	100 00
Nov.	1.	Paid Miss Helen Richardson, specials for China	437 47
		Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, Editor of *Little Worker*	62 50
		Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, clerk	50 00
		Paid Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, postage on mite boxes	7 25
	4.	Paid Miss Helen Richardson, specials for China	58 00
		Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, printing	112 50
	26.	Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary	300 00
		Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary, office expenses	125 00
Dec.	1.	Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, Editor of *Little Worker*	62 50
		Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, clerk	50 00
	6.	Paid Miss Helen Richardson, second quarter for China	5,450 00
		Paid Mrs. Josephine Campbell, Korea	500 00
	19.	Paid Miss M. H. Watts, second quarter for Brazil	3,422 50
1899.			
Jan.	4.	Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary, for Dora Rankin Memorial	150 00
		Paid Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Treasurer, office work	100 00
		Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, Editor of *Little Worker*	137 50
		Paid Miss Alice Moore, missionary	131 75
		Paid Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Editor of Leaflets	100 00
		Paid Miss N. E. Holding, second quarter for Mexico	9,267 79
		Paid J. J. Methvin, second quarter for Indian Mission	1,290 00
	5.	Paid Miss Mary M. Tarrant, traveling expenses to China	300 00
		Paid Miss Lena Freeman, Agent of *Little Worker*	75 00
	7.	Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, clerk	50 00
	10.	Paid Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, postage on mite boxes	7 91

1899.			
Jan.	11.	Paid Mrs. J. M. Elliott, order of missionary	$ 60 00
		Paid Mrs. John Gill, order of missionary	100 00
	16.	Paid Barbee & Smith, Agent, printing leaflets, etc	146 68
Feb.	1.	Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, clerk	50 00
		Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, Editor of *Little Worker*	62 50
		Paid Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, expense of certificates	11 20
	22.	Paid Mrs. P. A. Sowell, expenses to Board meetings	6 89
	25.	Paid Miss Hattie G. Carson, for Cuban work	412 50
March	1.	Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary, for third quarter	300 00
		Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, for printing	43 76
		Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, clerk	50 00
		Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, Editor of *Little Worker*	62 50
		Paid Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Treasurer, for office	100 00
	14.	Paid Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, postage on mite boxes	10 10
	15.	Paid Mrs. J. P. Campbell, for Korea and specials	645 00
		Paid Miss H. Hubbard, Ecumenical Conference, 1900	5 00
	17.	Paid Miss M. H. Watts, third quarter for Brazil and specials	3,275 00
	29.	Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary, books ordered by missionaries	48 69
		Paid Miss Helen Richardson, third quarter for China and specials	6,112 06
	30.	Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, printing leaflets and postage	85 50
April	3.	Paid J. J. Methvin, third quarter for Indian Mission and specials	1,280 00
		Paid Miss Lena Freeman, Agent of *Little Worker*	37 50
		Paid Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, postage on mite boxes	13 50
		Paid Miss N. E. Holding, third quarter for Mexico and specials	9,259 00
		Paid Mr. A. M. Cryer, order of missionary	187 50
		Paid Miss M. Pyles, returned missionary	103 75
		Paid Miss L. L. Shaffer, order of missionary	50 00
		Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, clerk	50 00
		Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, Editor of *Little Worker*	62 50
	4.	Paid Mrs. P. A. Sowell, traveling expenses to Board meetings	19 85
			$ 94,828 62

RECAPITULATION.

Balance April 7, 1898	$31,705 54	
Amount received for fiscal year 1898–99	83,587 07	$ 115,292 61
Amount paid out for fiscal year 1898–99		94,828 62
		$ 20,463 99
In banks as follows, April 6, 1899:		
First National Bank	$ 7,720 43	
American National Bank	9,456 43	
Fourth National Bank	3,287 14	20,464 00
Thank offerings reported this year		$ 3,512 04
Juvenile and young people's collections		10,637 32

Bequest Received This Year.

Miss Margaret Stewart, Baltimore, Md	$ 218 00

Receipts Since Organization.

Amount received for fiscal year 1878–79	$ 4,104 27	1889–90	$ 75,476 54
1879–80	13,775 97	1890–91	85,969 44
1880–81	19,362 10	1891–92	66,448 59
1881–82	25,609 44	1892–93	71,199 12
1882–83	29,647 31	1893–94	66,377 90
1883–84	38,873 52	1894–95	63,951 98
1884–85	52,652 12	1895–96	74,403 16
1885–86	51,588 76	1896–97	82,880 47
1886–87	50,092 63	1897–98	86,418 76
1887–88	69,729 65	1898–99	83,587 07
1888–89	68,165 34		$1,180,314 14
Amount received for Training School from 1889 to 1899			143,418 02
Grand total			$1,323,732 16

Respectfully submitted. Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, *Treasurer.*

Examined and reported upon May 12, 1899.

T. S. Weaver, *Auditor;*
J. D. Hamilton, *Treasurer,*
Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

From April 7, 1898, to April 6, 1899.

Alabama Conference	$ 1,919 73
Arkansas Conference	488 67
Baltimore Conference	3,030 32
Denver Conference	19 55
East Texas Conference	350 10
Florida Conference	1,600 53
Holston Conference	3,062 04
Indian Mission Conference	211 20
Kentucky Conference	2,269 31
Little Rock Conference	907 65
Los Angeles Conference	297 75
Louisiana Conference	916 14
Louisville Conference	2,698 44
Memphis Conference	3,376 64
Mexican Border Mission Conference	6 50
Mississippi Conference	1,055 17
Missouri Conference	2,540 09
North Alabama Conference	2,200 25
North Carolina Conference	3,077 17
North Georgia Conference	9,386 57
North Mississippi Conference	$ 4,224 49
North Texas Conference	1,264 10
Northwest Texas Conference	1,868 64
Pacific Conference	334 75
South Carolina Conference	6,094 02
South Georgia Conference	6,321 47
Southwest Missouri Conference	4,261 19
St. Louis Conference	1,373 12
Tennessee Conference	4,113 10
Texas Conference	1,333 14
Virginia Conference	6,326 87
West Texas Conference	334 45
Western Conference	64 55
Western North Carolina Conference	3,302 81
Western Virginia Conference	1,009 76
White River Conference	835 90
Miscellaneous	1,047 49
Memorial Fund	63 40
Total	$83,587 07

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS,

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

1899.

For the third time in its history the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions met in Nashville, Tenn. Here, where so much of the power was generated which set in motion this organization, it seemed fitting that the year of its majority, its twenty-first anniversary, should be kept. Most royally did Nashville Methodism sustain its far-famed reputation for unstinted hospitality; the very atmosphere of Tulip Street Church was redolent, not only with the odor of lilies, but with the more subtile perfume of Christian love, and to enter its doors was to feel *at home.* Methodism asserts herself most forcibly in Nashville, dignitaries are plentiful and the Woman's Board was honored from time to time by the presence and Godspeed of many of the Church's most valued servants of high degree.

The preparation service on Thursday evening was led by Mrs. Wightman. Referring to the fact that her lesson at this hour last year was the 23d Psalm, which sets forth the Shepherd's provision for his flock, Mrs. Wightman said that she desired to go backward to-night and by means of the 22d Psalm show something of the character and the sufferings of the Shepherd himself. She read the 22d Psalm entire, emphasizing its Messianic character, and calling special attention to the sufferings of the great Shepherd of Israel; this suffering Shepherd is the leader of his people, and sometimes it is with the iron rod that he needs must keep them in the right path; the "staff and the rod" ofttimes chasten, but they also "comfort." The keynote of the testimonies which followed was *the strength and help received through suffering.* Whether of physical affliction or of heavy burdens of service or of the loss of loved ones, all testified that "afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

The anniversary service on Friday evening was unusually pleasant and edifying. The address of welcome on behalf of Tulip Street Auxiliary was given by Mrs. T. P. Weakley; an earnest, loving *sis-*

ter's greeting. In sweetest words, borrowed beautifully and largely from Scripture and hymn book, Mrs. Medora Stewart, President of the Tennessee Conference Society, bade the Woman's Board welcome to its borders.

Rev. Mr. Stewart, pastor of Tulip Street Church, spoke words of welcome in behalf of his people, brotherly and appreciative.

Mrs. F. D. Swindell, of the North Carolina Conference Society, responded on behalf of the Board most happily, her address being full of reminiscences of the past and appreciations of the happy conditions of the present.

A condensed report of the foreign work was read by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. C. Trueheart; also a summarized report of the year's collections by the Treasurer, Mrs. H. N. McTyeire.

The annual address of the President was much appreciated, being largely impromptu, wisely practical, and full of thoughtful observance of the signs of the times.

The service on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock was designed for the reception of fraternal messengers from sister Churches, and most delightful and inspiring were the addresses delivered. Mrs. Pierce, of Spruce Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Mrs. Roach, of St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Mrs. Kate Fite, of the Christian Church, Mrs. Brinkley, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Bowen, of the Edgefield Baptist Church, Mrs. Bingham, of the Woodland Street Southern Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Yarbrough, of the Woman's Home Mission Society, brought a wealth of interest and sympathy in the work of God, that made all feel that truly we are "one in Christ Jesus." At the close of these addresses Mrs. Wightman called Miss Belle H. Bennett, President of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, before the body and begged her to speak to us words of inspiration, "something that will stir us; we need stirring." It would not have been possible to have found any one better adapted to this occasion than Miss Bennett. With an earnest, strong nature all on fire for the cause of Christ, not less for the heathen abroad than for the heathen at home, she possesses the gift of communication, and knows how to impart her own zeal and living interest to her hearers. She urged *advance*, a projection of *new work*, a *daring something beyond* the ordinary work of each year, a boarding school in Soochow, China, a school in Havana, a gift to the Twentieth Century educational movement. Her earnestness was communicated to her hearers, the fire fell, and before any one was aware a collection was being taken for our

school building in Havana, a gift to the Twentieth Century Fund. In less than twenty minutes the sum of $400 was subscribed in gifts of $25, $10, $5, and $1 each. The doxology was sung and the audience dispersed with hearts aglow with love and thanksgiving.

Saturday evening was set apart for an open session of the Young People's and Juvenile Societies of Tulip Street Church, given in honor of the Woman's Board. This service, held in the Sunday school room of the church, was varied in its character, consisting of recitations and exercises by the older and younger members, of songs and instrumental music. All acquitted themselves well, and furnished a most enjoyable evening for the large audience present.

The annual sermon delivered Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by Bishop A. W. Wilson was one of his best efforts; lofty in conception, wonderful in diction, and full of highest inspiration to the achievement of the world's conquest for Christ. His text was John xiv: 12: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." The following are a few of the grand thoughts presented: Jesus did not underestimate the work that he had done, nor the work that he came to do for the world, when he spoke these words; neither did he show any want of understanding of the world and its needs, of what had to be done; but he did show a marvelous dependence upon the characters of these chosen disciples. His work should not cease, but they should take it up and carry it on beyond anything that he could do while incarnated in the flesh. Excarnation was to let loose powers never conceived of before, and these were to be bestowed upon the men and women who believe in him. Theirs were to be the victories of faith; Jesus himself is identified with them in all ages, with all organizations composed of those who *believe in him*, and through *faith in him* they should dare to do anything that Jesus himself would have done.

At 4 P.M. Sunday afternoon was held the annual children's service, led by Miss Annie M. Barnes. Miss Alice Moore, of Brazil, and Miss Martha Pyles, of China, also gave short talks to the children, full of items of interest from their respective fields of service.

Sunday evening's service was devoted to the interests of Cuba. Dr. W. R. Lambuth delivered the address, and with all the freshness and vividness of a recent eyewitness pressed home to the hearts of his audience the urgent need of this country, our near neighbor and ward. Cuba's awful condition morally, the loss of

faith in Catholicism, the eagerness of the most intelligent people of the country to have Protestantism planted among them, the need of rapidity in the movements of the Church toward this land, and the great success of the missionaries who have already begun work there, were all presented with such earnestness and power that not one heart in that audience that belonged to Christ but was enlisted in Cuba's behalf.

On Monday evening the recently appointed missionary candidates were accepted by the Board. These were five in number, all coming from training of one or two years in the Scarritt Bible and Training School. Miss Fannie B. Moling, of the Missouri Conference, appointed to work in the City of Mexico; Miss Lela McNemar, of the Mississippi Conference, appointed to work in Saltillo, Mexico; Miss Arrena Carroll, of the Baltimore Conference, appointed to work in Seoul, Korea; Miss Mollie Cessna, of the North Mississippi Conference, appointed to work in China; and Miss Clara B. Fullerton, of the Louisville Conference, appointed to work in Brazil, were presented one by one by Mrs. Trueheart, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, to the President and accepted with words of tender blessing. Each of the young ladies spoke a few words to the members of the Board. Each talk was full of thanksgiving and exaltation. Each young woman seemed to feel that she had reached the goal of her highest aspirations, and each pledged deepest consecration and fidelity to the life work lying out before her. Bishop Wilson delivered the charge to these brave young soldiers about to go forth to the fray, and his wise words of counsel, his clear portrayal of the difficulties lying out before them, his exhortation to closest fellowship with Christ, and his assurances of ultimate victory, will prove a wonderful safeguard in future times of need.

On Tuesday evening Rev. W. E. Towson and Dr. J. C. C. Newton, both missionaries of long service in Japan, delivered addresses to the Board. Brother Towson's address was devoted to the present needs and future prospects of Japan. His true love for this land was shown in his every word, and his deep anxiety for its Christianization made upon his hearers impressions not soon to be forgotten. Dr. Newton confined himself largely to the different agencies employed in mission work: the evangelical, the medical, and the educational. He urged the need of all three, to be carried on at the same time; the gospel always to be the basis, but the school building to go along with the chapel, and the hospital close at hand.

He spoke most encouragingly of the success that has attended the work of the Woman's Board in China, where all these agencies are in active operation, and urged enlargement in all departments.

This meeting of the Board abounded in social pleasures. Prominent among these was the reception given to the members of the Board by Bishop and Mrs. Hargrove at their lovely home in West Nashville. The officers of the Woman's Board of Home Missions assisted Mrs. Hargrove in receiving. Bishops Wilson, Fitzgerald, and Hargrove added much by their presence, also Dr. W. R. Lambuth and his earnest assistant, Mr. Cobb, Dr. O. E. Brown, of Vanperbilt University, and others. True unity of heart, good fellowship, and good cheer combined to make the occasion memorable.

The drive to Mount Olivet Cemetery and visit to the grave of our beloved Foreign Secretary, Mrs. D. H. McGavock, was one of our most valued privileges, and many tender memories were revived and earnest purposes formed, as we gathered about the mound which holds the sacred dust of this honored leader of other days. Loving tributes were spoken by Mrs. McGavock's fellow-workers of the Board. All expressed deep obligations to her example and precepts never to be forgotten. Sweetest songs of the home above were sung, also an old-time melody of which she was especially fond: "You may have all the world, give me Jesus." Fervent prayers were offered for the work she loved and served so faithfully, and for her children, who had come to unite with the Board in honoring her memory. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; for their works do follow them.

May the inspiration received during these days of varied information, earnest consultation, Christian fellowship, and fervent prayer abide, and may the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions accomplish yet greater works during the coming year, through their faith in Him whose they are and whom they serve!

MARY L. HARGROVE, *Recording Secretary.*

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions met in Tulip Street Church, Nashville, Tenn., May 19, 1899, at nine o'clock A.M., for the first business session of its twenty-first Annual Conference. Mrs. Wightman, President of the Board, led the devotional exercises. After Hymn 200, "The praise of Zion waits for Thee," was sung, she offered fervent praise to Almighty God for the blessings of the past and privileges of the present, and supplicated an enduement of power upon his handmaidens assembled in annual council. The Scripture lesson chosen for the morning was 1 Kings xvii. 1–16, the beautiful story of Elijah and the woman of Zarephath, and most forcibly were the details of this incident applied to woman's work for God in this day. "None are too poor to give," "Make me a little cake first," "God's call upon this woman's last and only resource, and the marvelous result," were pressed home to the hearts of the women present, and they were urged "to seek that consolation which can be received only from that which is gone from you," "to make friends by means of the mammon of unrighteousness." After prayer led by Mrs. Wilson, the meeting was called to order, and the business of the day began. The Recording Secretary called the roll of officers, managers, and Conference Secretaries, and the following answered to their names:

Officers.

Mrs. M. D. Wightman,	Mrs. S. C. Trueheart,
Miss M. L. Gibson,	Mrs. H. N. McTyeire,
Mrs. A. W. Wilson,	Mrs. T. B. Hargrove.

Managers.

Mrs. W. G. E. Cunnyngham,	Mrs. W. C. Dowdell,
Mrs. I. G. John,	Mrs. Adam Hendrix,
Mrs. J. D. Hamilton,	Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham.

Conference Secretaries.

Mrs. J. W. Rush,	Mrs. J. E. Bentley,
Mrs. V. V. Harlan,	Mrs. M. A. Oden,
Miss Nina Wilson,	Mrs. James Thomas,
Miss L. P. Lane,	Mrs. E. J. Harper (reserve),
Mrs. S. S. Harris,	Mrs. W. H. La Prade (reserve),

Miss Tula C. Daniel,
Miss Laura Bradford,
Miss Sallie Smylie,
Mrs. James B. Malone,
Mrs. C. W. Brandon,
Mrs. F. D. Swindell,
Mrs. E. A. Gray,
Mrs. R. W. MacDonell,
Mrs. J. W. Hampton (reserve),
Mrs. M. A. Neill,
Mrs. J. W. Humbert,
Mrs. S. N. Jones,
Mrs. J. E. Musick,
Mrs. P. A. Sowell,
Mrs. S. S. Park,
Mrs. H. C. Cheatham,
Mrs. L. W. Crawford,
Mrs. W. M. McIntosh,
Mrs. L. H. Potts,
Mrs. J. P. Mussett.

Each officer and manager was in her place. Twenty-seven Conference Societies were represented by their Corresponding Secretaries and three by reserve delegates, duly accredited. Five Conference Societies had no representation—viz., Denver, Indian Mission, Pacific, Western, and West Texas Conferences.

Misses Annie Jones and Lillian Bang were introduced to the Board as the pages for the day. The limits of the bar being fixed, the Secretary read the minutes of the preliminary meeting of officers and managers held Thursday, May 18, at four o'clock P.M. After some amendment these were adopted, and the following committees appointed:

On Extension of Work.—Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Chairman; Mrs. S. S. Park, Miss M. L. Gibson, Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, Mrs. M. A. Oden, Mrs. V. V. Harlan, Miss Nina Wilson, Mrs. E. J. Harper, Miss L. P. Lane.

On Finance.—Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Chairman; Mrs. W. C. Dowdell, Mrs. Adam Hendrix, Mrs. W. H. La Prade, Miss Tula Daniel, Mrs. J. P. Mussett, Mrs. J. W. Humbert, Mrs. P. A. Sowell, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.

On Publication.—Mrs. J. W. Rush, Chairman; Mrs. M. A. Neill, Mrs. E. A. Gray, Mrs. J. E. Bentley, Miss Laura Bradford, Mrs. L. H. Potts, Mrs. L. W. Crawford.

On Missionary Candidates.—Mrs. S. N. Jones, Chairman; Mrs. W. G. E. Cunnyngham, Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Mrs. S. S. Harris, Mrs. W. M. McIntosh, Mrs. H. C. Cheatham, Mrs. J. W. Hampton.

On Resolutions.—Mrs. J. B. Malone, Chairman; Mrs. James Thomas, Miss Sallie Smylie.

On Memorials.—Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham, Chairman; Mrs. I. G. John, Mrs. C. W. Brandon, Mrs. F. D. Swindell, Mrs. J. E. Musick.

On Platform Courtesies.—Mrs. P. A. Sowell, Chairman; Mrs. T. P. Weakley, Mrs. Len Davis.

The following ladies were appointed to lead the devotional exercises during the sessions of the Board:

Friday Morning.—Opening exercises, Mrs. M. D. Wightman; closing exercises, Mrs. Len Davis.

Friday Afternoon.—Committee meeting, Mrs. W. C. Dowdell.

Saturday Morning.—Opening exercises, Mrs. C. W. Brandon; closing exercises, Mrs. John Mathews.

Saturday Afternoon.—Committee meeting, Mrs. A. W. Wilson.

Monday Morning.—Opening exercises, Miss Belle H. Bennett; closing exercises, Mrs. Dr. Chappell.

Monday Afternoon.—Committee meeting, Mrs. Adam Hendrix.

Tuesday Morning.—Opening exercises, Miss Martha E. Pyles; closing exercises, Miss Mary Helm.

Tuesday Afternoon.—Committee meeting, Miss Maria L. Gibson.

The following hours were selected for meeting and adjournment —viz., 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., the last half hour of each morning session to be spent in devotional exercises; committee meetings to begin at 2:30 P.M. and adjourn at will.

The following telegram was received from the Los Angeles Conference Society:

Greetings. Los Angeles Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 2 Corinthians ix. 8.

ANNA S. WOLFSKILL,
C. PRICE BROWN.

The President expressed words of appreciation in behalf of the body.

Bishop Wilson, Rev. J. T. Curry, presiding elder of Franklin District, and Rev. A. P. McFerrin, Jr., pastor Elm Street Church, Nashville, were introduced to the Board. The Corresponding Secretary read her Report of Home Affairs.

REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE BOARD AT HOME.

BY MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

SINCE the Board met in annual session last June in Greensboro, N. C., notable events have transpired. The time of that meeting was overshadowed by the clouds of war. The pall of death hung heavily over many homes, and the awful fate of the Maine was rankling the heart of the nation, which was full of bitterness and vengeance. It was a time of forebodings, as sons and husbands and fathers rushed to arms at their country's call. The Church was in heaviness of spirit that Christians of America must shed blood, while the heathen world was ready to question the contrast between profession and practice. To them lessons of peace and good will had been sent, and now the very people who had urged them to grind "their swords into plowshares" were sharpening all the machinery of war for deadly con-

flict, forsaking their peaceful pursuits and rushing with mad haste to arms. Many hearts prayed that God would overrule all for good, speedily bring peace, and stay the hand of oppression and wrong; and while they prayed they planned, that missionary operations might not be interfered with, mission stations provided for, and missionaries sustained. God heard; the needs of the work were provided for by the largest appropriations ever made at an annual meeting, and a fixed purpose filled each member of the Board to meet the obligations assumed, let the cost be what it may, in work and self-denial. In answer to the prayers of God's people throughout the land, soon the war clouds lifted, and peace, like the refreshing dews of morning, spread over sea and land. Gratitude prompted increase of offerings from many women, and some, like the one in the Jerusalem temple, were ready to give all, anxious to hear the Lord's commendation. Why should citizens of a commonwealth be so ready to respond to their country's call, and heed not the call of Christ for the establishment of his kingdom in the earth? Americans with one accord readily laid down the price necessary to vindicate their country's honor, and free Cuba from unrighteous rulers, and yet hundreds of these patriotic people do not seem to feel that they should be as eager to unfold the banner of the cross upon the strongholds of sin and Satan, and put down ignorance and degradation, and win the world to its rightful divine ruler. It remains true still that only a few in our Church have enrolled themselves into organized companies to conquer the nations for Christ. Into the hands of these few great issues have been committed, and to-day we, as a Woman's Board, have again met to take the bearings of our part of the work, and plan for the year before us. Last year's appropriations were met in the face of war, in spite of flood and dearth, and more is called for now since, in addition to the open doors already entered, Cuba, with weeping eyes and beckoning hands, invites, and we dare not refuse. Are we ready to meet the demand? I regret to report a falling off in our membership, and some decrease in collections, but these things should serve to nerve us to greater diligence. The distraction of war, the low price of cotton, and an unusually severe winter, as well as a misunderstanding of the action taken by the last General Conference in regard to the children of the Sunday schools, caused this decrease. There is no need of discouragement from any of these causes, now that the war is over, commercial affairs are active, revivals over the Church are being reported, and the action of the General Conference is clearly understood by pastors and Sunday school superintendents. One Sunday in the month devoted to the subject of missions in the Sunday school will better prepare the children for the special study of the subject in our societies. The collection taken up in the Sunday school on that day cannot affect us at all, since the action of the General Conference merely ordered the funds heretofore devoted to Sunday school purposes on that particular day to be set apart for foreign missions. If provided with efficient, consecrated, enthusiastic lady managers, our young people and juvenile societies will flourish. The hearts of children respond most gladly to the call of service for the sake of children who know not Jesus. The faith of the little ones in Jesus, the love so pure and strong in them, when told of what he is to all the world, will find an answering

chord whenever the condition of heathen children, so destitute, so ignorant of their loving Christ, is presented to them by those whose faith is real and genuine. Adult auxiliaries are not without fault, when the children are left under the management of indifferent lady managers—women who lack nothing in intelligence, in useful knowledge and missionary information, but lack the essential element of consecration—the power of the Holy Spirit. Better that lady managers have this last qualification than have all the others and lack this. I pray the Board to see to the needs of the children—see that they have proper management—the best literature, *all* the appliances of healthful growth. The five cents a month fees are not half so important as information, enthusiasm, and love of the work. If any child is really not able to pay the stipulated sum, let him pay what he can, if only one cent a month, and the remaining four cents may be secured in some other way, until the child learns the blessedness of the service, then he will not be satisfied long without making an effort to pay the whole amount for himself.

This work of advancing the children will cost much of time and labor, but the preciousness of the reward will amply compensate. God's work demands the bone and sinew of the Church, and half-hearted, indifferent women cannot meet the tremendous issues. In addition to the education of the young for their own sakes, in this important part of Christian work, is the necessity of having a trained force, ready to step in and fill up the ranks when broken into by death. As an arm of service it is already invaluable in supporting mission stations, scholarships, and Bible women. Korea is especially the children's mission, and its support will, I hope, continue to be their special work. Palmetto Day School in Shanghai, a special of the South Carolina children, and the Orange Blossoms, a day school of the Florida children, are doing fine work in preparing Chinese youth to teach and preach the everlasting truth. The Bright Jewels, of North Carolina, not only built the Mary Black Memorial in Soochow, in memory of one who loved them and delighted to instruct them, but last year undertook the support of the hospital. We value the work of the children, we recognize the importance of missionary work *in* them, and deprecate every effort to divorce them from us. Money spent for their instruction, time given to open their little hearts to the Lord's commands, will bring forth fruit to God's glory and their eternal interests.

The *Little Worker* is doing much, not only to inspire missionary enthusiasm but to make the children acquainted with the wretched condition of heathendom, and more eagerly lend help to relieve the destitution there. The change in the price of the subscription of the *Little Worker* a year ago to ten cents has not involved the Board in any more expense, while increased subscriptions have put the paper into the hands of nearly sixteen thousand children. I recommend to the Conference Secretaries a more particular canvass for this paper. With a little extra effort, supported as you will be, by your District Secretaries, you can induce each of your adult auxiliaries to contribute one dollar a year for ten subcribers, to be distributed by the auxiliary among the children who have never read the *Little Worker*, or are too poor to pay the meager sum necessary to secure it. I know one Conference Secretary who tried this plan and made a success of it. The val-

uable paper known as *The World for Christ* has been discontinued, and Dr. W. R. Lambuth very kindly offered to recommend the *Little Worker* to take the place of that monthly among the children. By the action had at the last annual session, the children's leaflets were discontinued, and only one variety for adult societies ordered. I ask that the Board exchange the adult leaflet for one suited for young people and children. The leaflets issued during the past year have given satisfaction to adults, but I think if the order be given to make this change, both adults and young people will be pleased. Older people enjoy literature prepared for young people, but few young people enjoy the more serious productions for adults. Please give this matter consideration. I have had more calls for leaflets for children's societies this year than ever before. I had to supply myself by writing to other Boards, that I might meet the calls. In addition to calls for young people's leaflets I have had urgent calls for programmes for juvenile entertainments. Mrs. Parker, of Mississippi, prepared a very bright little programme two years ago, and many societies found it satisfactory, but this programme is for *one* occasion only. We need a *book* of entertainments—a new one. Miss Mary Helm some years ago prepared one which still has sale, but societies that have exhausted it ask for another. Set apart a contingent amount for the preparation of such a book for young people and children, and find the person able to compile or compose something suitable, and I feel sure it will pay back into the treasury all expended. We must not suffer the children to slip out of our hands. We will surely lose them unless we are willing to devote time and means to their training.

The *Woman's Missionary Advocate* continues to fill a place in our organization not possible to be filled in any other way. It shows the life pulse of our foreign missionary enterprise. In visiting the Conference societies, and noting the annual reports, a creditable subscription list of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* was accompanied by accounts of healthful activity and decided prosperity. I need not say the reverse was true in nearly every case. *Few* subscribers, *feeble life;* many subscribers of faithful readers, *vigorous* life. The paper is a necessity, and united effort, continuous effort, will give it the circulation it deserves. Your hearty indorsement is not all that is demanded of you.

A Cradle Roll Card, called "Buds and Blossoms Enrollment Card," in accordance with the order of the Board at last session, has been issued. In order to meet the cost of engraving and the first thousand cards, a nominal charge of two cents was made for each card. Twenty-five were sent out to each Conference Secretary, at a cost of fifty-eight cents, which included postage. Many of these packages were paid for at once, and others ordered, but some remain unpaid. May not these cards be sent out free hereafter? The enrollment is put at twenty-five cents a year from the birth of the child to the age of five. Of course a child can be enrolled at any time within the five years, but not later. Would it not be well to offer some inducement for this enrollment to a child who has been enrolled each year for five years? A simple testimonial, on pretty paper, would suffice, I think. Who shall take charge of the enrollment fund? Who shall take charge of the cards and look after the renewals year by year?

These questions demand settlement. The enrollment is not confined to the missionary workers or members of our Church. Mothers in other Churches, and without any Church membership at all, are sometimes brought into close touch with the work through their little ones. In soliciting such enrollment there should be tact and a deep interest in children, as well as in the object the enrollment represents.

A Yearbook of Prayer, or a Cycle of Prayer, should be prepared and published for the use of our societies. The recommendation of the Board a year ago that such a book should be prepared by the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, in connection with the Secretaries of the General Board, and circulated gratuitously, has not been done. The Secretaries of the General Board were very busy, and though they are as anxious for this Prayer Cycle as we are, they have not had time to give to its preparation. If this Board so orders, some one can be detailed to do the work for the coming year, and have it ready by October without longer waiting. If a suitable one is prepared, I have no doubt the General Board will be glad to adopt it. We do not individualize in our prayers, perhaps, as we should do, and such a calendar would help us in this. Are we not told that "He calleth them *all* by *name?*" Shall not we, as we present our work and our missionaries to God, do so? Then, the missionaries furnished with a copy of our Prayer Cycle would be strengthened by knowing that thousands at home, at certain seasons, were praying for them. By all means let us have a Missionary Prayer Cycle without longer delay.

Mite boxes have been in great demand. The supply ordered last June was exhausted sometime ago, and others had to be made. Ten thousand more should be provided now for the next year. Figures cannot show the value of these little boxes. They are invaluable, and their influence is felt for good wherever used. Number sent out from April 1, 1898, to April 1, 1899, 10,392.

A full supply of slips and blanks for organizing and reporting the same is also needed. The applications for these are as follows: "How to Organize," 1,600; "Adult Constitutions and By-Laws," 3,000; for children as well, each 2,000; "Blanks for Reporting New Organizations"—adults, 2,500; juveniles, 2,400; Annual Reports, 7,500; Summaries, 13,000; "Duties of Officers and Members," 6,000; Adult Leaflets, 21,000; Young People's Leaflets, 6,000.

Literature.—Soon after the last meeting of the Woman's Board the necessary steps were taken to prepare a memorial of our beloved Dora Rankin, whose dust rests in China. She was called from the ranks of our missionaries to heaven while doing her Lord's will in that far country.

A large map of China was also prepared by the General Board, and, in accordance with the action of this Board, a fair proportion of the expenses of the same was met by this Board. Sixteen of these maps have been sold at one dollar each, the price fixed by the General Board. To supply our societies with a suitable text for the study of China during the Jubilee year, permission was given to secure two hundred copies of "Dawn on the Hills of T'ang," a very valuable work on the subject, by Mr. Harlan P. Beach, with a supplement by Bishop Charles Galloway, bearing particularly on the work of our Church in China. The two hundred copies in the binding

ordered cost fifty dollars, which amount has been returned to the treasury. Every copy was sold, twenty-five cents being the price, and others called for. My supply was soon exhausted, but the Methodist Publishing House has the work on sale, neatly bound in linen, at fifty cents. This work should be in every society, and should be continued to be carefully studied. It was prepared for the use of the Student Volunteer Movement, and adopted by the League as a part of their year's study course. Another edition of the "Oak Street Missionary Society" was called for, and brought out last fall, and is paying for itself, and, as at first, meets with general favor.

A District Secretary's book was also issued, which has had ready sale. The work along these lines was not intended to be a source of revenue, the object had in view being a wider circulation of good, cheap books to advance the cause of foreign missions, and simply to meet expenses of publication. The results have been most gratifying.

"Short Sketches of Missionaries" sent to the foreign field by the Woman's Board, compiled by Mrs. I. G. John, is now ready for sale. The Publishing Committee had two thousand copies printed. This, called "Missionary Cameos," should be in the hands of each member of the Board, and I hope each member will take a supply home with her, to sell or give away, until all are supplied. Fifteen cents each will meet the bill of publishing. Our young people should be as familiar with our missionaries as we are, and this little volume, the preparation of which cost time and patience, should for their sakes be widely circulated. The other books ordered by the Board, Memorial of Mrs. Juliana Hayes and Mrs. D. H. McGavock, with the request that Mrs. Butler, Editor of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, prepare them, will be forthcoming, I think, at an early day.

Life Members.—There seems to have been some misapprehension in regard to fees for life members, but I think that the matter will be very clear if it be remembered that one of our by-laws makes it a duty to report the amount of funds secured from life membership fees, and the number of new life members made every year, such reports to come through the treasurers to the Board. Last year, when permission was asked to make life members from the fund known as pledge money and thank offering money, it was granted, on condition that the money should not be counted in twice. When a hundred dollars have been collected as pledge money, report it as such; and, if it is desired to use this for making life members, the report should read, "One hundred dollars on the pledge, out of which five life members have been made," and treasurers will not be at all perplexed in reporting if these precautions are taken.

Bible Women.—In all our mission stations $60 is the amount paid the natives who are prepared to give service in Bible training and house-to-house visiting. The amount cannot be regarded as compensation for full daily ministering, as few native women suitable for such work can be spared from home, day after day, all day long, and the $60 merely enables a woman to employ some one to take charge of her household affairs during her absence. The work of these women, superintended by the missionaries and backed by the Spirit's power, is doing much toward breaking the fetters of spiritual darkness. In locating and naming these women confu-

sion and misunderstandings arise, because the specific directions given from time to time are not carried out. On page 79 of Twentieth Annual Report these conditions are clearly stated. A number of specials have not been named, and have not been located. The money, however, has been sent out from the general treasury and used for specials, but under such circumstances reports cannot be expected. Nothing is lost except the enthusiasm that comes to the societies from personal touch with such workers.

Lists of specials have gone to the General Treasurer, accompanied by the money for their support, but she is not always told to what country even the money is to go, and no instructions having come to me, I examine my records in vain. Bible women are in training in China, but there is not at this time one available.

When scholarships have been taken up until each boarding school is full, applicants must wait. Mexico has the largest number of scholarships ready, and the fewest number of applicants for them. Brazil does not seem to stress the employment of Bible women. There are few scholarships in that field, though we have three boarding schools and each well filled with pupils. The work of education has been carried on, too, yet the girls released from school do not seem to care for Church work.

Day schools as specials are very satisfactory, but a larger amount of money is needed to conduct these—pay for the rent of a room and a native teacher's salary.

All these specials are valuable in advancing the interests of the work of the Board, as all such funds supplement the appropriations. Far from discouraging any from undertaking such work, I hope the Board will emphasize it. There is something in such work that appeals to the hearts of women and children as the general work does not. *My* Bible woman, *my* pupil, *my* day school, or *my* missionary, appeal to the heart, and are very precious.

I have been asked: "Why stress taking pledges?" I will answer that our work in the foreign field has assumed such proportions that the fee of ten cents per member will not sustain it. "Why not increase the fee?" you may ask. Simply because the conditions of membership were made as low as possible, that the poorest people in our Church should have the privilege of membership. There are many of these, poor in this world's goods, who are rich in faith and are a benediction to the organization, though they may not be able to pay ten cents a month. We need them, and pray that not one be excluded. Again, a society that pledges itself feels some obligation, if not some pride, to meet the amount; and the effort to reach it, which at first may seem a burden, becomes a blessing. Some Conference Societies devote their pledge money to the maintenance of some particular missionary, and thus a simple business transaction becomes a labor of love. At the recent session of the South Georgia Conference Society the ladies decided to undertake the salaries of *four* missionaries, and thus made a pledge to raise $3,000 outside of dues, Bible women, and scholarships. One of these four missionaries is Miss Hattie Gere Carson, of our Cuba Mission, a daughter of the South Georgia Conference Society. The request has been made that the three others may be located in the following fields: Korea, China, and Mexico. South Geor-

gia does not mean to interfere with the prerogatives of the Woman's Board, but feels that the work of supporting these women will bring them in closer touch with each of the stations in which the missionaries are located, and in more vital relation with the missionaries themselves. Possibly a plan like this may be received with favor by other Conference Societies looking out for specials. The missionaries themselves, while happy to feel that the strong arms of the Board are always about them with much affection, the Conference adopting them as specials, being a part of the whole, may share a little more largely their love and interest. There is no doubt in regard to pledging something outside of dues. Without it, as a rule, the societies work like intermittent springs. At times the supply of water may be abundant and sparkling, at other times dry and lifeless. Sad as it is, many feel no *obligation* upon them to give simply and solely for the support of the Lord's work. Principle, conscience, or a settled conviction that giving is a blessing does not impel them. They must be moved by sentiment and sustained by excitement. True giving, which proceeds from principle, grows out of consecration. When one gives himself to God, with himself go steadfast purpose and the unfaltering faith that rebukes little fits of impulse and spasms of service. Some one has said, and truly, that the best way to build up a fainting church into vigorous life is to induce it to double and quadruple its sacrifices for the benefit of distant heathen, and the same means will strengthen a missionary society also and keep it in vigorous life. Is it not true that when God's treasury is overflowing with offerings a mighty impulse sways every part of it, and all its enterprises are quickened, and every impediment swept away and every obstacle overturned?

The Week of Thanksgiving and Prayer, which includes the National Thanksgiving Day, should have a special programme for the coming November, which will include directions for study and prayer, for the success of the great Ecumenical Foreign Missionary Convention, that will meet in New York next April, and for the success of the Twentieth Century movement. The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions is greatly interested in this movement, and should take some action in regard to it that will advance its interests and help not only to secure the million and a half dollars for educational purposes, but enable it to plant more securely all its educational operations in the foreign field. Why not ask for one dollar extra from each of our adult members for this purpose? Such a sum would give us funds to build substantially the Mary Keener Institute in the City of Mexico, the school at Juiz de Fora, and buy the property we need in Cuba.

The Student Missionary Campaign, which has grown out of the Student Volunteer Movement, should be adopted by this Board. The Methodist Episcopal Church took the lead in this, and the Presbyterians followed, and a similar movement has recently been inaugurated by the General Board of our Church. Students, young men, go out from the colleges with the avowed purpose of awakening missionary enthusiasm, introducing missionary literature, and opening the way for a great revival of missionary zeal. Will it not be possible for some of the students of our Scarritt Bible and Training School to give a few weeks to visit our female colleges within the bounds of their Conference Societies? District Secretaries could conserve

these results by organizing societies, or by increasing the membership of those already organized. Auxiliaries form the foundation stones of our whole enterprise, and much time should be given to secure for them the best methods for permanent development and steady advancement. No method would more surely enlist our young people in foreign missions than this Student Campaign, and upon our young people we must rely for recruits, as year after year our ranks are depleted.

Since last annual session many faithful workers have been called home, among them Miss Melissa Baker, of Baltimore, one of our charter members. She gave time and money to strengthen our efforts, particularly in China, and her name will live there as well as here, and I doubt not the salvation of China will gladden her heart in the Celestial City, as she talks with her friends, Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Davidson.

Steps should be taken looking to a large representation of the Board at the Ecumenical Conference, April next, from the 21st to May 1. From all parts of the world will come notable speakers to discuss all phases of the great work of foreign missions. Among the subjects of special prominence will be that of woman's work. April 26 will be devoted to women, morning, afternoon, and evening. The morning will be given to discussion, the afternoon to topics and problems presented by missionaries, and the evening to popular addresses. In addition, six sectional meetings will be held on Tuesday, April 24, for the consideration of every phase and problem of woman's work. As a member of the World's Committee of Women's Missionary Societies, I went on to New York in January last, where three meetings were held. It was there agreed that Tuesday's sectional meetings be devoted to the following topics: "Lecture," "Work among Young Women and Children," "Methods of Giving," "Evangelistic, Educational, and Medical Work." Thursday's programme embraces such topics as "The Place of Woman's Foreign Missionary Work among the Evangelistic Forces of the Church, "The Responsibility of Women in Missionary Work," "The Results of Woman's Work," "The Outlook for the Future." At the second session of the committee meeting it was recommended that histories or sketches of all denominations should be presented at the Conference in 1900, and afterwards published, the sketches not to exceed two thousand words.

For the sectional meetings on Tuesday, April 24, it was decided to appoint six committees, one for each subject, and those committees appointed in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Nashville, Chicago, and Canada—the New York committee taking the subject of "Educational Work;" the Boston committee, "Literature;" the Nashville committee, "Young People;" the Philadelphia committee, "Medical Work;" the Chicago committee, "Giving;" and the Canada committee, "Evangelistic Work," in order to make the sectional meetings as profitable as possible.

In regard to the number of representatives from each Board, it was decided to allow each to send all its executive officers and five delegates besides. If you indorse this, it should be done at this meeting. It was necessary to send the name of one who would write a sketch of our Board by April, 1899, and the Board in Nashville appointed Mrs. F. A. Butler.

The Conference of Women's Boards of the United States and Canada met also in New York in January last. I sent an account of that meeting to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, so that I need add nothing more than the fact that the two days' session was not only very profitable, but unusually interesting. The next meeting will be held in New York in 1900, between April 21 and May 1, if deemed necessary. Perhaps some one has asked: "Have the results of these Conferences of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions of the United States and Canada been such as to justify the expenditure of money on the part of the Boards?" If conferences for the consideration of any important topic are helpful at all—and it goes without saying that they are—then they must be helpful in an eminent degree on the subject of foreign missions. These conferences of women's boards of the United States and Canada have brought our Board into closer touch with the workers of all Churches. We have been better able to realize the stupendous forces we must meet and overcome in the evangelization of the world; we have been encouraged because we more fully realize that we are a part of a mighty host marshaled for conquest; are better able to more clearly recognize the value of trained missionaries; have learned, while stressing evangelistic agencies, the need of deepening and broadening educational facilities. Then, I think, we have learned to more sincerely respect and love all Churches at home as well as in foreign fields, and have learned not only that comity in such things is possible, but in a large degree is being practiced; and last, though by no means least, we have grown more courageous, more hopeful, since we have found the difficulties we have met and still meet common to other Boards. Dollars do not count when an annual conference of intelligent women, deeply concerned for the extension of Christ's kindom on earth, meet for the discussion of the great problem of foreign missions.

During the past few months I have been collecting information about the titles, deeds, etc., of the property held by this Board in foreign fields. In a recent letter from China, Miss Haygood informed me that the most of our property in that empire was made out in the names of native pastors, indorsed by them with affidavits, stating that they have no personal interest, but bought it for the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the deeds were approved by Chinese officials.

McTyeire Home and School and Trinity premises had the deeds made out in the name of Dr. Y. J. Allen, Attorney of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and registered at the United States Consulate. As Dr. W. R. Lambuth will visit the work of the General Board in the East soon, I recommend that he be empowered to look into all titles and deeds of the property of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and that an appropriation be made to cover whatever extra expense he may incur in examining and adjusting the same. I have not received from Mrs. Campbell the exact information I need in regard to the deeds of "Carolina Institute," in Korea, but I am quite sure everything is secure. The lot bought of the General Board when this Board entered Korea, whenever the Board desires it, will be bought back by the General Board. The part of the city of Seoul called

Cha-kol, where we have bought property, is a better location, and the additions now called for will be made there this fall.

Letters from Miss Watts and Brother Tucker show that our property in Brazil is vested in a Legal Conference, as is all the property of the General Board.

In Mexico all deeds are in Miss Holding's name and in safe deposit, and a clause in her will provides for its future safety. Laredo Seminary and all buildings on our grounds on the Texas side of the Rio Grande are deeded directly to the Board.

Rev. Mr. Methvin has made our property in Oklahoma Territory as safe as possible. A farm of one hundred and sixty acres, with Methvin Institute and other buildings thereon located, are held under grant of the United States Government. Brother Methvin will take all the legal steps to make the Board secure, should any changes occur in that part of the territory consequent upon the new conditions now taking place. The value of our property has increased in the past few years, and the wear upon it demands repairs from time to time. As a wise business measure the Board should see that these repairs are met.

The Board has had some bequests during the year—among these one from Miss Melissa Baker, of Baltimore, who left us $2,000; and another from Miss Thomas, of Baltimore, who left us $1,000. Would it not be well to regard these bequests as a part of a building fund to purchase property in Mexico City, now so much needed? These bequests have not been received into the treasury yet. That from Miss Thomas, a daughter of Rev. David Thomas, of the Baltimore Conference, will be paid over soon, I suppose. The provisions of Miss Baker's will may not so soon be carried out, but all necessary steps have been taken to secure the amount she left our Board.

Extension of Work.—We opened at first in Seoul, Korea, but during the year preparations were made for extending and occupying Song-do. Circumstances, however, over which the missionaries had no control, prevented the organization of a school there until now. We also occupied Santiago, Cuba, in February, 1899, and the school, which opened with eight little girls, has increased to over sixty-three. The Board should enter other provinces of that island—certainly the Province of Matanzas in the capital, which is also called Matanzas. I hope some work on Cuba may be prepared in cheap form and put into circulation among our societies. Both the geography and history of the island should be more familiar to our young people. Such a book might be used in the reading course of our societies this coming year.

Scarritt Bible and Training School continues to be necessary to the success of all our foreign missionary operations. It is a testing place of health of mind, body, and soul, and prepares thoroughly our candidates for service. The work of the office has been full of encouragement, because streams of information have poured in during all the months, and as much as possible it has poured out. I am very thankful that individuals and societies want information and ask for it.

Mrs. J. D. Hamilton's assistance is very helpful, and the following state-

ment shows something of the work she has done during the past year: Number of mite boxes mailed, 10,392; life member certificates, 226; honorary life member certificates, 8; Treasurer's books sold, 82. One copy of "Christian Womanhood," amount for which was sent to the Training School. Money for Treasurer's books and sundries turned into the general treasury. During the year it will be necessary, I think, to have more of these Treasurer's books bound and life membership certificates prepared. Appropriation for these should be made. They have paid for themselves, and the Treasurer's books are a source of revenue.

The work committed to the Corresponding Secretary in the preparation and sale of books—the "Dora Rankin Memorial," "Dawn on the Hills of T'ang," "Oak Street Missionary Society" (a second edition of which was brought out), "Buds and Blossoms" cards, and District Secretary's books—has exceeded expectation. Our societies have ordered largely in many cases, and expressions of approbation and gratification have come from many sources. Miss Rankin, to whom I sent the first copy of the Memorial as soon as it came from the press, wrote sweet words of appreciation. A few days ago, one who just finished reading the little volume wrote: "I wish every woman and girl would read the 'Dora Rankin Memorial,' and be benefited as I have. What a lovely character was Dora's! Who is like her?" The sales of these books, so far, have amounted to $176.82, which has been turned over to the general treasurer. Orders not paid, about $50, making amount in cash and good subscriptions, $226.82. Books still for sale: "Dora Rankin Memorial, 600 copies; "Oak Street Missionary Society," 600 copies; "District Secretary's Books," 77; "Buds and Blossoms," 700, which, when sold, will much more than cover the expense of publication. While this work has increased the office work much, it has been amply compensating in the assurance that good, *much* good, has resulted. The printing and binding have been done here in our own Publishing House, and very cheaply done indeed when one considers the excellence of the work. The management as well as the managers of our Publishing House, by the promptness and courtesy shown us, deserve our profound gratitude. Recently, without any solicitation on my part, my office was beautifully refitted. Certainly for this personally I am thankful. The expenses of the Corresponding Secretary have exceeded the appropriations made last summer, having been cut down one half. From June 1, 1898, to May 18, 1899, the expenses amounted to $301.92. Amount appropriated, $250; balance from last year, $55.03. Total, $305.03. This does not include expense of typewriter. The old machine which I found in the office gave out, and it was sold for $20. Thinking this amount would be something toward buying a new one, I was well satisfied with the bargain, but from that day—nearly a year ago—I have never seen the man who bought it, nor the machine, nor the money. I rented a new one, which is still in the office and for sale. It can be purchased for $75, which will include the year's rent.

When one remembers the distracting, really distressing circumstances of the year now closing, and sums up results in our Conference Secretaries' work, it must be said: "They have done well." Few have sent to the office

signs of weariness, of disaffection, of despair. When compelled to report loss of members, decrease in collections, disbanded societies, dead auxiliaries, a hopeful, cheerful note of "better things next year" often accompanied the account of loss. Thank God for the blessed, cheerful, industrious, consecrated womanhood of the Church! In amount contributed, as usual, North Georgia Conference Society stands first, Virginia next, South Georgia next, South Carolina next, Southwest Missouri next, North Mississippi, and Tennessee.

On motion of Mrs. Swindell, this report was considered by items.

Item 1. Children's work. Referred to Committee on Extension.

Item 2. *Little Worker*. Referred to Committee on Publication.

Item 3. Leaflets. Referred to Committee on Publication.

Item 4. Book of Exercises for Children's Entertainments. Refered to Committees on Publication and Finance.

Item 5. Cradle Roll. Referred to Committees on Publication and Finance.

Item 6. Prayer Calendar. Referred to Committee on Publication.

Item 7. Mite boxes. Referred to Committees on Publication and Finance.

Item 8. Support of missionaries as specials. Referred to Committee on Extension.

Item 9. Programme for Week of Prayer. Referred to Committee on Extension.

Item 10. Students' missionary canvass. Referred to Committee on Extension.

Item 11. Ecumenical Council, delegates, etc. Referred to Committee on Extension.

Item 12. Title deeds to missionary property in China to be examined by Dr. Lambuth during his coming trip abroad. Adopted, and expense referred to Committee on Finance.

Item 13. Concerning bequest. Referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Item 14. Pamphlet on Cuba. Referred to Committee on Publication.

Item 15. Kindness of Publishing House. Referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Miss Gibson moved that the Corresponding Secretary be empowered to refer to their proper committees any items that had been overlooked. Carried.

Dr. W. R. Lambuth, Rev. Mr. Stewart, pastor of Tulip Street Church, Rev. Mr. Wasson, pastor of McFerrin Memorial Church,

Bishop Fitzgerald, Mrs. Thompson, Recording Secretary of the Tennessee Conference Society, Mrs. Medora Stewart, President of Tennessee Conference Society, Miss Mary Helm, Editor of *Our Homes*, and Miss Belle Bennett, President of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, were introduced to the body.

On motion of Mrs. Trueheart, the hour for adjournment for devotions for this day was placed at 11:45 A.M., and the hour for committee meetings at 4 P.M. After announcements the devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Len Davis, of Tulip Street Church. Mrs. Davis brought living messages from God's Word, all bearing upon the *essentials* in true Christian service, and stressed the necessity of holiness, prayer, faith, self-denial, separation from the world, thanksgiving, and victory in the daily lives of God's servants. After benediction by Bishop Fitzgerald the meeting adjourned.

MORNING SESSION.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions met Saturday, May 20, at 8:30 A.M., for its second business session. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. C. W. Brandon. Mrs. Brandon read and emphasized various passages of Scripture setting forth the wonderful office and work of the Holy Spirit: his teaching, his guiding, his anointing for service. She urged the infilling of the Spirit upon every mother for God, for the Holy Spirit is irresistible, and when full of the Spirit God's servants will have power with men.

The President called the meeting to order. The minutes of Friday's session were read and approved.

Mrs. M. A. Neill brought the following memorial from the White River Conference Society:

Through our representative, we, the members of the White River Conference Society, present the following:

Whereas it seems impossible to organize and successfully operate both the Juvenile Missionary Society and the Junior Epworth League in most of our churches, and whereas we believe that a larger per cent of our boys and girls can be instructed, not only in missions but in our Church history, doctrines, and polity, through the Junior League;

Resolved, That we memorialize the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions to unite the children with the Junior League on the condition that one Sunday in each month be devoted to the cause of missions and the dues go into the treasury of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and in this way continue their contributions as a source of revenue to the mother Society.

Referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Mrs. Mussett presented the following memorial from the Northwest Texas Conference Society:

Resolved, That we memoralize our Board at its next annual meeting to make the following changes in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Young People's and Juvenile Societies:

1. Article 4 shall be changed so that the clause "who shall be elected by the Adult Auxiliary where the two societies exist, otherwise by the Juvenile Society," shall read "who shall be appointed by the pastor, or by the District Secretary after advising with the pastor."

2. To the By-Laws shall be added two articles as follows: (1) "Officers shall be elected semiannually in any way the Lady Manager may think best." (2) "One delegate shall be elected to each annual meeting of the Conference Society. The Lady Manager also shall attend these meetings whenever practicable."

3. In Article 3 of the By-Laws the last sentence shall be omitted and the second sentence shall be changed to read: "It shall also be her duty to send quarterly reports not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, or the District Secretary, as the Conference Corresponding Secretary may direct."

Referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Mrs. Malone presented the following from the Missouri Conference Society:

Home, ever the place over which snowy-winged angels hover, laden with heaven's golden gifts, becomes a doubly charmed name when Providence casts our lots far from the land of our birth. Thus it has transpired that in all ages men have sought to make their new abodes more homelike by giving them names borrowed from their native heath. Bleak New England seemed less bleak to the pilgrim fathers after they dotted the land with names familiar in old England. The Virginia planters delighted to give the names of their ancestral domains to their new estates in the wilderness, and so the Anglo-Saxon has carried his names around the globe, always finding them as "cold water to the thirsty soul" when he hears them in a foreign land. In the providence of God and the judgment of your Board two daughters of Missouri dwell beneath the Southern Cross. A year ago your Board very generously offered to compliment Misses Perkinson and Shaffer by giving the new building at Juiz de Fora the name of the "Missouri Seminary," provided our three Conferences would raise $2,000 a year for three years. Two of the Conferences found it impossible to undertake this work; but the Missouri Conference, inspired by the idea, pressed forward in spite of unparalleled cold, wearying sickness, and great financial stringency, and more than raised its third of the amount; therefore,

Resolved, That the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Missouri Conference, assembled in its twenty-first annual meeting, respectfully memorialize the Woman's Board to give "our girls" the home feeling and to still further cement the interest of our State in Brazilian missions by naming the new building at Juiz de Fora the "Missouri Seminary."

Referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Mrs. Fulton and Mrs. Winstead were introduced as pages for the day.

Mrs. Hendrix brought loving greetings and blessing from Sister Avis.

Mrs. C. B. Savage, of Winchester, Ky., Miss Martha E. Pyles, of China, and Miss Alice Moore, of Brazil, were introduced to the Board.

The following greeting was received from the Texas Conference Society:

To the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, assembled in Nashville, Tenn.

Greeting. We had expected to be honored by your meeting in our capital city. It would have given us great pleasure to welcome you to Texas. Your presence would have been a great inspiration to us and our work, and our association with you of inestimable value; however, our loss has been Nashville's gain. We congratulate the Methodists of that city. May the same Father who has guided you from the beginning continue to direct your deliberations! May you plan wisely and the very best results be secured for our work! In that day when He shall make up his jewels, may many come from the North and the South, the East and the West, as gems of the woman's work! "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." (1 Thess. v. 23, 24.)

Yours in His name. MRS. J. E. GREEN, *V. P. Texas Conf. Soc.*

Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Mrs. Humbert read a cordial invitation from Trinity Church, Charleston, S. C., that the Board hold its next annual meeting in that city. Action postponed to a later session.

Mrs. Trueheart called attention to a number of new publications relating to various phases of our mission work—a booklet on juvenile work from the South Georgia Conference Society, "Biography of Mrs. Frances M. Bumpass," "Missionary Cameos," "Dora Rankin," etc.

Mrs. Jones asked that the members of the Committee on Memorials be distributed among the standing committees as well as serve upon their own. She also asked that the names of Mrs. Brandon and Mrs. Higginbotham be added to the Committee on Missionary Candidates. Granted.

Mrs. Trueheart asked that Mrs. Swindell be added to the Committee on Extension. Granted.

Dr. J. C. C. Newton, of Japan, and Mrs. S. K. Welburn, Treasurer of the Tennessee Conference Society, were introduced to the body.

The condensed statement of the work of the Local Board in Nashville, 1898–99, was read by Mrs. W. G. E. Cunnyngham, and adopted by items.

Condensed statement of the work of the Local Board in Nashville, 1898–99:

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE BOARD IN NASHVILLE.

The first meeting of the Board after the last annual session was a sad one, because of the death of Miss Cleora Murphey, loved Secretary of the Louisville Conference Society. Suitable action was taken, expressing our appreciation of her value to us as a Board, and our sympathy with the Louisville Conference Society, whose beloved Secretary she was.

July 26 the Board held its next session and transacted the following business:

1. Miss Viola Blackburn's need of new quarters for her Charity School in San Luis. The Secretary was left to decide the question after conferring with the Senior Secretary of the General Board.

2. A communication from Miss Rankin, stating the fact that the school building in Nantziang had been condemned, and that rebuilding or repairing was absolutely necessary. She was authorized to use whatever amounts she had in hand, which had accrued from exchange, and have the work done, supplementing from the contingent fund $250, if needed.

3. The city authorities of Chihuahua, Mexico, demanded that the sewage system of our school should conform to the new regulations passed. Miss Lizzie Wilson, who has charge of the school, was authorized to use for this purpose whatever fund she might have in hand, and supplement the same from the contingent fund, provided the amount did not exceed $250.

4. The appropriations for the City of Mexico being insufficient, and Mary Keener Institute having had unprecedented growth, it was decided that Miss Norville be allowed to use whatever money she might have from exchange, and in building up her charity department said amount be supplemented from the contingent fund, provided she did not exceed $250.

5. A District Secretary's Book seemed essential, so many having written to secure one. The Secretary was instructed to prepare one, to be sold at thirty cents, this amount being necessary to meet expenses.

6. The resolutions unanimously adopted at last annual session in regard to President McKinley having been forwarded to him by the Secretary, the following answer was read and ordered to be entered upon the records:

Dear Madam: At the request of the President I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the 15th inst., transmitting resolutions recently adopted by your association, which he has read with thorough appreciation, and expresses his sincere thanks for your cordial message of congratulations.

Very truly yours, J. A. PORTER, *Secretary to the President.*

Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C., July 18, 1898.

7. The Publishing Committee having considered Miss Barnes's request to take some action in regard to advertising rates for *Little Worker*, Mrs. I. G. John was appointed to inquire of the Publishing House Agents if they would grant her at least five per cent of the amounts paid for printing in advertisements.

At a called meeting, October 12, the devotional exercises of the Board were led by Miss Helen Brewster, of our Indian Mission, who also gave a very interesting account of her work at Mt. Scott and Fort Sill.

The papers of Miss Mary M. Tarrant, of Galveston, Tex., being found highly satisfactory, she was recommended for appointment in China.

On application, Miss Pyles and Miss Gary, of China, were granted leave to visit the home land.

Miss Haygood's request to use $250 from the contingent fund of the China Mission to employ an assistant teacher being urgent, the request was granted. Miss Haygood was also instructed to insure our property, because of the riots in Shanghai.

A letter from Dr. Anderson, of Soochow, China, in regard to the action taken at the last annual meeting to employ his niece, was read at the next meeting of the Board, October 27, and a copy, with the answer, was ordered transmitted to all the Board.

A request from Piracicaba, Brazil, asking for funds to make some repairs, was not granted, as the case was not very urgent.

The Secretary was authorized to prepare and have printed a *Baby Roll Card*, to be called *Buds and Blossoms*. As a District Secretary's book had been prepared, the amount advanced by the Board for the purpose of printing it was to be returned to the treasury as soon as possible.

At the next called meeting, November 22, 1898, the result of the conference with Dr. Lambuth, as to the matter of the house for Miss Blackburn's Charity School, was as follows: The Board had been renting from the General Board, and that Board now needing all the rooms attached to their property, Miss Blackburn was authorized to rent another, and whatever difference in rent and furnishing to be paid from the surplus which had accrued from exchange.

A request from Durango to enlarge because of an increase in the school was referred to the Board in annual session.

The sad news of the death of Dr. Irene Toland, sister of Miss Toland, of San Luis, with whom she had been associated in our mission, called for suitable action, and the result was spread upon the minutes.

The meeting of December 20 considered the arrears of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, but the condition of the treasury prevented any further check upon the contingent fund, and a settlement was deferred. The editor, was instructed to consult the Agents of the Publishing House as to terms of enlargement of the *Advocate*.

The time having arrived when it was possible to open work in Cuba, in accordance with Dr. Lambuth's suggestions, it was decided to enter the city of Santiago; and Miss Hattie G. Carson, who had signified her willingness, was put in charge, with Mrs. Pelot as assistant.

The Twentieth Century Movement of our Church was commended to our

whole constituency, with the hope that much would be done toward collecting the fund decided upon.

At the next called meeting a communication from the editor of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, giving the result of her consultation with the Agents of the Publishing House, was laid before the Board. The cost of eight additional pages would be $90 per month—over $1,000 a year. It was not deemed advisable to enlarge at present, but the editor was advised to continue her efforts to secure advertisements.

February 21 the following items of business were presented: The World's Committee of Women's Missionary Societies made the following requests, which were granted:

1. To send names of returned missionaries who would be at home in April, 1900, and would take part in the Ecumenical Conference.

2. The names of workers of the Board who might also serve.

3. The appointment of some one to prepare a sketch of our Board, not exceeding two thousand words, to be put in booklet form after being presented to the Conference.

4. To set apart the sum of $5 toward paying the expenses of the Woman's part of the Ecumenical.

As the Woman's Board of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church expected to hold its annual session in this city May 7, Mrs. Sowell was appointed to convey to that body our fraternal greetings.

Having heard from all Conference Secretaries and Managers that May 18 would be most suitable for the next annual session of the Board, that date was fixed and ordered announced.

Miss Haygood's request to use $75 of the contingent fund in China, to purchase a piece of land between Davidson Memorial and the canal, was granted. This strip of land would have been bought years ago, but the owner would not sell until now. The straw huts which encumbered this lot were a constant menace to our property, because of the danger of fire.

The request of the General Board to continue the use of our schoolroom at Guadalajara as a preaching place until the church was built was granted on condition that whatever money was put into the enlargement of the room should be permanent and at the expense of the General Board. As a compensation the room could be used as a preaching place one year longer, and, if necessary thereafter, rent should be charged. The understanding is explicit that nothing shall be done to interfere with our school work.

Mrs. Campbell's request that Miss Hinds should remain for the present in Seoul, having the bishop's sanction, was granted.

Miss Dorsey was granted a year's rest, the date of leaving the mission being after school closes for vacation.

A letter from Brother Tucker stated that no suitable building had been found for our school in Juiz de Fora for the amount appropriated. He was requested to continue his efforts in that direction. A request also from Brazil, from the joint meeting held in Petropolis, that the Woman's Board should send two new missionaries to open work in new stations, was referred to the Board at next annual session. After considering the papers of several missionary candidates, four were recommended for appointment,

and the others referred to the Committee on Missionary Candidates, at the annual session of the Board.

April 4, 1899, the condition of Miss A. V. Wilson's health making it necessary that she should have some help, Miss Case was sent from Saltillo, with the understanding that Miss Case should continue in charge, and Miss Wilson was granted a year's rest after the close of school.

The application of a promising medical missionary candidate was presented and her papers accepted, with recommendation of appointment of a year at the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and the usual medical course later in some medical college. This application was afterwards withdrawn by the candidate herself, because of circumstances she did not feel she could control.

A lady from the North Mississippi Conference Society made application for work in Cuba, but circumstances induced the Board to refer this case to the Board in annual session.

Miss Norville's request for more help because of the rapid increase in the Mary Keener Institute could not be granted, and she was advised to limit the patronage until the Board could meet the demands.

Finding the railroads unwilling to grant the usual reduction on fifty to Austin, Tex., and securing a cordial invitation from the ladies of Tulip Street Church, Nashville, upon consultation of all officers and managers of the Board, the invitation was gladly accepted and the change of place announced.

At the last meeting resolutions of love and respect were put upon record in regard to our loss in the death of Miss Melissa Baker, a name honored by all the Board from the beginning of our work. For many years she was one of the managers, and to the last in full sympathy with the Board. Her name will remain as an ointment poured forth in the years to come. So it appears that our opening session was called upon to record the death of one of our members who passed away in the early years of her service for Christ, and the last meeting had to do with the departure of one whose *long* life had been given to the same divine Lord.

On motion of Mrs. Park, the name of "The Keener Institute," located in the City of Mexico, was changed to "The Mary Keener Institute," in accordance with a request to that effect from Carondelet Street Auxiliary, New Orleans.

The report of Mrs. F. A. Butler, Agent for the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, was read and referred to the Committees on Finance and Publication.

REPORT OF MRS. F. A. BUTLER, AGENT WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ADVOCATE.

Dr.

Balance on hand May 1, 1898		$ 63 70
Amount received in May, 1898	$ 294 61	
Amount received in June, 1898	321 46	
Amount received in July, 1898	267 47	
Amount received in August, 1898	221 46	

Amount received in September, 1898	$ 309 44		
Amount received in October, 1898	262 33		
Amount received in November, 1898	317 63		
Amount received in December, 1898	380 50		
Amount received in January, 1899	575 00		
Amount received in February, 1899	434 51		
Amount received in March, 1899	753 15		
Amount received in April, 1899	516 66	— 4,652 22	
Amount received for maps		17 90	
Amount received for damaged stamps		2 00	
			$4,735 82

Cr.

By amount paid Publishing House (Including cuts, $37.06; postal cards, letter heads, etc., $93.70.)	$2,850 00		
By amount paid Editor and Agent	1,200 00		
By amount paid assistant	500 00		
By amount of office expenses	85 69		
By amount of traveling expenses	80 20	— 4,715 89	
Cash on hand			$ 19 93

Amount due Publishing House May 1, 1899, $930.76.

MRS. F. A. BUTLER, *Agent.*

Miss Lena Freeman, Agent, read the annual report of the *Little Worker*.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MISS LENA FREEMAN, AGENT LITTLE WORKER.

Dr.

Balance on hand May 1, 1898			$ 112 78
Amount received in May, 1898	$ 92 29		
Amount received in June, 1898	78 43		
Amount received in July, 1898	194 95		
Amount received in August, 1898	208 88		
Amount received in September, 1898	243 71		
Amount received in October, 1898	154 84		
Amount received in November, 1898	141 31		
Amount received in December, 1898	129 31		
Amount received in January, 1899	114 95		
Amount received in February, 1899	124 38		
Amount received in March, 1899	147 52		
Amount received in April, 1899	141 03	— 1,776 60	
Amount received from advertisements		32 50	
			$1,921 88

Cr.

By amount paid Publishing House (Including office expenses, $9.97.)	$1,861 56		
By amount paid for cuts	11 95		
By amount of office expenses	20 75		
By amount received from advertisements, and paid to Publishing House	25 00	— 1,919 26	
Cash on hand May 1, 1899			$ 2 62

Amount due Publishing House March 31, 1899, $55.
Amount due Publishing House April 29, 1898, $48.

MISS LENA FREEMAN, *Agent.*

Referred to the Committees on Publication and Finance.

The report of Thomas S. Weaver, auditor of Treasurer's books, was read and received.

Mrs. Trueheart read a communication from Bishop Candler, stating that he would not be able to meet the Board in annual session as appointed. The news was received with regrets.

Miss Gibson presented the annual report of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, which was adopted after referring the item concerning the Belle Bennett Chair to the Committee on Memorials.

Report of Board of Managers of Scarritt Bible and Training School.

Seven years ago it was the privilege of the Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School to accept the trust given into our care by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. With each ensuing year our interest and appreciation have increased; and now, at the end of the seventh year, as we render an account of our stewardship, we look with gratitude toward the past and with hope toward the future of the institution so graciously owned and blessed of God.

During the interval since we made our last report the interests of the school have been under the guardianship of the Executive Committee. On May 11, 1899, the seventh annual meeting of the Board of Managers was held, at which were present the resident managers and Mrs. I. J. Hendrix and Miss Belle H. Bennett, whose presence and counsel were of great benefit.

The work of the year was brought into review in the report of the Principal. Her report gave in detail the work of every department, and we here present an abstract for your information:

Seventh Annual Report of Principal.

Every seventh year in the early life of the Jewish nation—God's chosen people to bring salvation to the world—was by command of Jehovah a year of release, a year of blessing, and a reminder of his mercies. His dealings with his children are the same in the new dispensation. The seventh year in the existence of the Scarritt Bible and Training School—an institution ordained of God to offer release to captive and sin-fettered minds through messengers equipped and commissioned to do him service—has been a year of testing and of triumph through his grace and almighty aid, and its record is made luminous by the presence and leadership of God. To him be the praise.

In presenting my seventh annual report as Principal I acknowledge with gratitude that the good hand of our God has been upon us all the days of the year which has passed since the last annual meeting, held April 17, 1898.

The fifth annual commencement was held in Central M. E. Church, South, May 18, 1898. Eleven graduates received diplomas, as authorized by you at the annual meeting, and with pleasure and just pride I present their record to-day. Of the Bible students, Miss Shelton became Bible Teacher in her *alma mater* (Forest Park University) last September, but was compelled to resign in January on account of ill health occasioned by an attack of grip; Miss Craig is assisting Miss Hathorn in her work in the Rescue Home at New Orleans; Miss Wright is a city missionary of the Woman's Home Mission Board in Waco, Tex.; Miss Trawick is matron in Methvin Institute, a school under the direction of the Woman's Board of Foreign

Missions among the blanket Indians; Miss Tarrant is now in Shanghai, China, as a missionary of the same Board. Of our nurses, Miss Roberts enlisted as an army nurse and did excellent service at Camp Cuba Libre, near Jacksonville, Fla., until mustered out; Miss Wood expects to sail to China in the fall to engage in missionary work; and the others are winning credit as private nurses.

The principal events during the summer were issuance of the catalogue, visits by the Principal to the St. Louis and Kentucky Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, and the attendance at the Woman's Board at Greensboro, N. C. The remainder of the summer was spent in preparation for the next year, except a month of illness and vacation for rest.

The school session opened propitiously on Thursday, September 8, 1898. The service in the chapel was a fitting keynote for the year's work. Mrs. Hargrove gave an inspiring Bible study, "A Eulogy upon the Word of God as Illustrated in Psalm cxix.," and Rev. C. M. Bishop delivered a most helpful address on 1 Corinthians xiv. 1: "Follow after love; yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy." The latter clause he interpreted as "that ye may be teachers." The words of these able and eloquent speakers were a stimulus to the thought and spirit of the assembled students, gathered as they were from many far-distant cities.

The number enrolled in the Bible Department was twenty-five; in the Nurse Training Department, fifteen; day pupils, three; making a total enrollment of forty-three. The year began well. Six weeks passed, and then I exchanged service for suffering, and others took up my work and carried it on to completion. There were concerted action and a division of labor, each teacher, for love's sake, adding to her own duties a share of mine, for they decided that they would do my work without aid and allow my salary to go on. The revelation of their unselfish love made pain easier to bear. The heaviest burden fell on our beloved Bible Teacher, Mrs. M. L. Hargrove, who for the next six months was acting Principal. Heavy indeed was her burden of labor and responsibility; but God was her wisdom and strength, and grace was given her to perform the new duties with marvelous skill, and without detriment to her own.

My correspondence was divided among Mrs. Hargrove, Miss Billingsley, Miss Cushman, and my sister, each taking charge of a certain department. My classes in Methods of Work and Church History were also well cared for. Mrs. Hargrove taught Methods until February, when it was discontinued. Miss Billingsley, our Corresponding Secretary, took charge of the class in Church History. We were fortunate in having in Miss Billingsley a teacher of experience, who brought to her task a trained mind and a love for reseach that made her new labor a pleasure.

Looking at the work of the year, I can truly say that I think the school has suffered no material loss, and since development of character is the chief aim of our course, is it not possible that the lessons growing out of the trial through which we have passed may prove more enduring and more potent as a stimulating and helpful force in the future lives of the students than could have been gained in any other way?

Mrs. Hargrove thus reports the work of the Bible Department:

Report of the Bible Teacher.

The report of the work of this department must be substantially the same as that of last year. The same methods of teaching have been pursued, the same text-books used, and the same amount of work accomplished—the senior class having completed, and been examined upon the entire New Testament; the juniors having studied and stood an examination upon the books of the Old Testament, except Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Songs. These books were taught by means of lectures, six in number, delivered the second week in April by Rev. C. M. Bishop, of Neva-

da, Mo. These lectures were of a very high order, and entirely satisfactory in their scholarship, exposition, and spirituality.

The new students of this session have been, with very few exceptions, young women of good mental powers and literary culture. This has made their work of better grade, and given fuller satisfaction to their teacher.

The written work begun last year has been continued most faithfully, and every ten days or two weeks the students of both senior and junior classes have been required to prepare and deliver Bible readings, character studies, lessons on different books of the Bible, textual expositions, studies of parables, etc.

The study of Evidences of Christianity, which falls in the second term, was completed by the senior class the third week in April.

Quite a number of excellent reference books have been added to the Elizabeth E. Holding Memorial Library, which have stimulated research and increased the thoroughness of the work done by the Bible students.

Both senior and junior nurses have had weekly lessons in the Bible this session, and for the first time they have been required to stand a Biblical examination. The life of Christ, as arranged in Stevens and Burton's "Harmony of the Gospels," has been a portion of Scripture studied by both classes. The interest manifested by the nurses in their Bible lessons, while yet far from satisfactory, has been an improvement upon last year's work, and we hope for still better things, now that the Bible is studied throughout the two years of their training.

A close scrutiny of the work of the past year reveals imperfections, and in some cases mistakes, but emotions of deepest gratitude to the Great Source of all wisdom and strength prevail above all else, and we can but trust that the record made is acceptable unto Him, who is a "God that seeth."

MARY L. HARGROVE.

The Lecture Course was varied and excellent. The lecturers brought inspiration and information to the students, and gave delight as well as profit to their hearers.

LECTURE COURSE FOR 1898–99.

"The Motive of Missionary Effort." Rev. J. A. G. Shipley, missionary to China.

"China in 1848–1898." Rev. Young J. Allen, D.D., Shanghai, China.

"Defects of Heathenism." Rev. Young J. Allen, D.D., Shanghai, China.

"Drawing Room Talk on China." Rev. Young J. Allen, D.D., Shanghai, China.

"Reminiscences of Camp Life." Chaplain Kerlin, Third Regiment, U. S. V.

"Personal Work in Soul Winning"—three lectures. Rev. George H. Lipscomb, Winona, Miss.

"Personal Work as a Missionary in China." Mrs. Lucy Lane.

"Mission Work in Alaska." Rev. Charles Replogle, missionary to Spain.

"Spain's Need of Missionary Work." Mrs. A. G. Gulick, missionary to Spain.

"European Architecture; the Monastery of St. Michael." Mrs. A. A. F. Johnston, Oberlin College.

"The Prophet as the Spokesman of God." Bishop E. R. Hendrix.

"St. Francis of Assisi." Rev. E. P. Ryland.

"Turkey as a Field of Missionary Effort." Dr. George Barsoom, Constantinople.

"Korea as a Field for Mission Work." Rev. E. P. Ryland.

"Life: Its Responsibilities and Possibilities." Rev. H. M. Du Bose.

"Pauline Loyalty to Christ." Rev. I. G. Dinwiddie.

"Hindrances to Missionary Work in Japan." Rev. W. A. Davis, Kobé, Japan.

"The Student Volunteer Movement." Miss Constance McCorkle.

"Some Phases of Methodism." Rev. H. S. Werlein, D.D.

The household work, as reported by the matron, reveals the same features as in former years, and proves a touchstone for the detection of characteristics of disposition unrevealed by any other branch of study. When a student can say from her heart, "Blessed be drudgery!" as an opportunity to do service heartily as unto the Lord, we know that she will do acceptable work in any field.

Miss Emma D. Cushman, Superintendent of Nurses, thus reports progress in her department:

We date our report from April 1, 1898, to April 1, 1899. During this time twelve probationers have entered, eight being regular members of the school. Of these now in training, nine are Methodists, one Presbyterian, one Congregationalist, one Baptist, and one a member of the Christian Church.

For several years the faculty of the Training School has desired to establish district nursing in connection with the school, but this was not practicable until the beginning of the present school session, when we had the privilege and pleasure of organizing the Missionary Nurses' Association. Ours is unlike many similar organizations, in that each nurse is sent out as a missionary nurse, working with our city missionary and under her direction. The nursing is done by the senior nurses, in turn, each nurse being assigned to eight weeks of this work, only one nurse being sent out at a time. That this new branch of work might not be hindered by lack of nurses, an additional pupil was accepted, making our enrollment thirteen instead of twelve as heretofore. The first visit was made September 14, 1898, and up to the present date four hundred and forty-seven visits have been made, much suffering alleviated, and great good has been done, and we feel that this new department of work has been inaugurated successfully and has exceeded our hopes, in practical help and blessing. The other work of the hospital has been the same, as reported at last meeting. The special work of the diet nurse has been very gratifying, and the work of the physicians has been greatly aided by a carefully prepared dietary. Classes have been held as heretofore and the studies have been the same with the exception of the addition of a small text-book on diseases of children.

Owing to the prevalence of medical diseases, work in all hospitals has been less than in several years past, and though at the present time the hospital is full, yet during the winter the surgical work was light. Notwithstanding this, there is a gain of $448.12 over the total receipts of last year. This is due to the fact that we had a very full hospital during the summer. Of the two hundred and two patients admitted and cared for during the year, fourteen were inmates of the school, eleven being Bible students. The prevailing diseases were *la grippe*, tonsilitis, and rheumatism. With the exception of about four cases the services of a physician were not needed.

It was our privilege to care for our beloved Principal during her illness. She was with us in the hospital about two months, and though we deeply regretted her illness, yet it was our pleasure to give her the best of nursing and medical attention. We rejoice with her now in her restoration to health.

The health of the nurses has not been as good as usual. Like the Bible students, they have suffered from the prevailing diseases. I now submit the statistical report of the hospital:

STATISTICAL REPORT OF HOSPITAL.

April 1, 1898, to April 1, 1899.

Patients remaining in hospital	15
Males admitted	19
Females admitted	183
Total number admitted	202

Number of births	10
Number of deaths	9
Of these admitted moribund	4
Percentage of deaths omitting moribund	1½
Number of operations performed	164
Of this number, there were capital	84
Number of medical cases admitted	38
Of those admitted Christians	154
Of those admitted Catholics	8
Of those admitted Hebrew	1
Of those admitted no Church given	39
Of those converted while here	5
Number visits made by physicians	1,432

Nativity.

America	182	Germany	5
Canada	1	Ireland	2
England	6	Wales	2
France	2		

E. D. CUSHMAN, *Superintendent of Nurses.*

The department of City Missionary Work has been directed by Miss Elizabeth Streater, City Missionary for the Board of City Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. She reports that the labors of the students have been conscientious and fruitful of good results. Work has been done in five districts: Garland Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the East Bottoms, Campbell Street Mission, Olive Street, Washington, and Melrose Churches, of our denomination. Through the children taught, entrance has been gained into home circles that could have been reached in no other way. Through their efforts, sick women and children have been sent to the hospital, mourning hearts have been cheered, wanderers reclaimed, and souls converted. The attempt of our students to care for the sick has been supplemented by the skilled ministration of the missionary nurse from our hospital. Seventy-one dollars has been expended by the school in car fare for the students doing city mission work, a large item of expense, but as the churches they serve themselves are largely mission churches there is no other alternative, as it would not be fair to let the students bear the expense, even if they were able to do so.

The Industrial School, directed by Miss Jennie Gibson, has prospered and been a means of grace to both pupils and teachers. One hundred and twenty-five children have been enrolled. The spiritual life of the school has been increased in vigor and wholesomeness. The Prayer Circle, purely voluntary in character, which was established last year has been most helpful, and has brought many blessed returns.

The Students' Prayer Meeting and the daily devotions, which they lead in turn, have added to the power and efficiency of the students.

There are two societies in the school auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and to the Woman's Home Mission Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The Bible students are required to attend the meetings of both, but are allowed choice as to whether they pay dues in one or both. The meetings are held monthly, and are instructive as well as interesting. While the knowledge gained is esteemed of greater impor-

tance than the financial returns, the amount of money forwarded by the Treasurers to the parent societies in the Southwest Missouri Conference is creditable. Fifty dollars and ninety-five cents has been collected and disbursed in the Foreign Missionary, and thirty-seven dollars and ten cents in the Home Mission Society. The teachers are members of both societies. The greater part of the amount raised other than membership dues has been through self-denial by the entire household during the weeks set apart for that purpose by the respective Boards. By unanimous consent, certain articles of food are dispensed with during these weeks, and the amount saved is given by the matron to the societies. Twenty-six dollars and seventy-five cents in the Foreign Missionary, and twenty-two dollars in the Home Mission Society, was the amount gained.

The gifts received this year have been most gratifying in number and character. Notably among them are two gifts of $1,000 each. Mrs. George T. Hoagland, St. Joseph, Mo., contributed $1,000 toward the Ministers' Free Bed, a beneficence greatly needed, which, we trust, will be fully endowed ere long. Mrs. Hoagland is one of our most generous friends, and we pray for her blessings rich and abundant.

Miss Melissa Baker, of Baltimore, Md., lately deceased, bequeathed $1,000 to the Training School with the request (but not upon condition) that the same be used in the education of persons from Baltimore for missionary work. The bequest has not been received as yet, as the estate is not settled, but the legal notice has been sent by the executors of her will, and the bequest will follow in process of law. A Christian gentlewoman of the olden type was Miss Baker, and much treasure had already preceded her to heaven. The results of this legacy will follow her and will increase in helpfulness and blessing with every beneficiary.

God gives much blessed heart cheer to his children in their work. A letter in the *New Orleans Advocate* written by Mrs. Hargrove in behalf of students deterred from entering here through lack of means, brought a response from Miss Nellie S. Norwood, Simmesport, La., followed by a check for $160 to defray the expenses of a student for a year. The interest accruing from that investment cannot be computed in earthly arithmetic and will not cease while time endures.

Another memorable gift was $100 secured for Students' Fund by the Bible students through personal appeals to their friends. The spirit manifest as indicative of the underlying motive in the student body was worth more than the money secured. There are visible results, however, from their efforts, for the recipient who was entered on that providential gift will soon sail to a foreign field better equipped for her work than could have been possible otherwise.

Thirty-one dollars has been received during the year for the Elizabeth E. Holding Reference Library. One hundred and sixty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents has been the total receipts for this memorial library, all of which has been expended. As the need for books is constantly growing, it is hoped contributions to this fund will never cease.

The North Georgia Conference Society, as a memorial of its late beloved Secretary, Mrs. Morgan Callaway, tinted and added to the furnishings of the

Hattie Callaway Room which she had furnished in memory of her daughter, thus making it a double memorial and the most attractive students' room in the building.

Other gifts from old and new friends have made the hearts and home bright and given cause for gratitude. The Emergency Fund and Thanksgiving and Christmas Funds received many contributions.

In compliance with your ruling, the President of the Board appointed Miss M. L. Gibson and Mrs. M. L. Hargrove a committee to prepare the Easter programme. Ten thousand programmes and twenty-seven thousand collection cards were distributed free of charge. Ten thousand leaflets entitled "A Question in Finance: Does the Investment Pay?" were printed and five thousand sent out. The remainder were retained for future distribution. The returns from the Easter service have begun to come in, and we are hoping that they will be large.

The year is drawing to a close. Ten seniors, five in each department, have completed the course of study and passed the final examinations creditably. The faculty recommends them as worthy of diplomas, and I present them to you to-day that you may, according to the power vested in you, grant them the reward of their faithful labors. The candidates for graduation are Misses Arrena Carroll, Mt. Crawford, Va.; Minerva A. Clyce, Mexico, Mo.; Eugenia E. Mitchell, Columbia, Tenn.; Lela McNemar, Edwards, Miss.; Fannie B. Moling, McFall, Mo., of the Biblical Department; and Misses Bettie D. Eastin, Kearney, Mo.; Margaret Elva Fraser, Peabody, Kans.; Alice Kent, Clinton, Mo.; Ellen M. Morgan, Clay Center, Kans.; Lucile Treadwell, Lecompton, Kans., of the Nurse Training Department. These students have been faithful and conscientious, and have finished their course with credit.

The Commencement sermon will be preached Sunday, May 14, at Melrose Church by Rev. E. P. Ryland, and the Commencement exercises will be held in the First Congregational Church on Tuesday, May 16, at 8 P.M.

The record of the year is before you, and I trust will meet your approval. I feel deep gratitude to God, who has guided through the year and who has brought blessing and victory out of seeming loss, that the report is so satisfactory, and ask you to give practical assistance to make the coming year better than the one now closed.

RECEIPTS.

From April 1, 1898, to April 1, 1899.

Balance brought forward		$ 230 39
Receipts from J. S. Chick, Treasurer: For scholarships.	1,591 00	
To pay outstanding bills	1,500 00	
Receipts from Students' Board, and other sources	11,026 11	—$14,347 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

To expense of school and hospital	$14,322 91	
Balance in bank April 1, 1899	24 59	— 14,347 50

A happy surprise was given the Board by Bishop Hendrix, who announced a gift of five hundred dollars to the Training School by a gentleman and wife who wished their names withheld. The gift was accepted with

gratitude, and the thanks of the Board were tendered the unknown donors through the President. On motion, the gift was appropriated to the Belle Bennett Chair.

Mrs. I. J. Hendrix presented a gift of twenty-five dollars for the Ministers' Free Bed from the Missouri Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The thanks of the Board were tendered for this addition to the fund for the endowment of this bed, a project so dear to the heart of Mrs. Hendrix, and so sorely needed.

Gratitude was in our hearts for the bequest to the school of one thousand dollars by Miss Melissa Baker, a friend of God and of humanity. A letter from her executors inclosing the will and a bill of complaint was read by the Secretary. The papers in regard to the bequest were committed to the care of Bishop Hendrix, who will represent the Board.

The thanks of the Board were presented to Mrs. George T. Hoagland, St. Joseph, Mo., for one thousand dollars to the Ministers' Free Bed; also to Miss Nellie S. Norwood, Simmesport, La., for her generous support of a student last year, and to the generous friends of the students who had contributed to the fund secured through their efforts.

The committee in charge of the Victorian Diamond Jubilee Fund was continued, with a view to retaining the influence and interest of the British Vice Consul in the Free Bed so happily begun.

With hearty appreciation of the increased labors of the faculty during the year, owing to the illness and absence of the Principal, the thanks of our Board were given to each member of the faculty, especially to Mrs. Hargrove, on whom the heaviest duties devolved as Acting Principal. In this connection it was our decision that Miss Billingsley continue to occupy the Chair of Church History during the next year, with salary increased to fifty dollars per month, so that Miss Gibson might be free to have supervision of the school and to visit Conference and other societies in its interest.

It was the sense of our Board that the Belle Bennett Chair should be completed without further delay, and that this Board in annual session be memoralized to take the matter into consideration. Miss Bennett protested against any further public collections for the chair.

The Principal stated that the Superintendent of Nurses, Miss Emma D. Cushman, had answered a call from the American Board of Foreign Missions to go to Cæsarea, Asiatic Turkey, as a missionary, and to take charge of a hospital and training school for native women. Arrangements have not yet been perfected, so that Miss Cushman has not tendered her resignation, but she wished the Board to know that she will go if accepted, as she has received a call from God, and is ready to obey.

Our Board wished to place on record an expression of its high appreciation of Miss Cushman's ability and success in her management of our hospital, and to wish her abundant and abiding blessings and divine guidance. As no further action could be taken, the subject was referred to the Executive Committee.

The three managers whose terms of office expired in 1899 (Mrs. M. D. Wightman, Mrs. R. F. Mastin, and Miss Belle H. Bennett) were reëlected. The officers of the Board were also continued.

With gratitude for the providential care manifest during the past of the institution, and faith and hope for the permanence of its work, we commend it to your care. We look to you, its projectors, for such aid that our highest ideals and yours may be fully met.

On behalf of the Board. MARIA LAYNG GIBSON, *Secretary.*

Miss Gibson read the financial report of Miss Billingsley, Secretary and Treasurer of Scarritt Bible and Training School. Adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

April 1, 1898, to April 1, 1899.

Alabama Conference	$ 75 00	
Arkansas Conference	16 80	
East Texas Conference	6 90	
Florida Conference	172 74	
Holston Conference	10 41	
Indian Mission Conference	22 85	
Kentucky Conference	1,545 80	
Little Rock Conference	10 35	
Los Angeles Conference	33 50	
Louisiana Conference	8 20	
Louisville Conference	338 95	
Memphis Conference	144 32	
Mississippi Conference	69 45	
Missouri Conference	1,127 31	
North Alabama Conference	14 10	
North Carolina Conference	16 10	
North Georgia Conference	904 88	
North Mississippi Conference	294 25	
North Texas Conference	76 66	
Northwest Texas Conference	91 27	
Pacific Conference	27 50	
St. Louis Conference	73 64	
South Carolina Conference	163 02	
South Georgia Conference	61 53	
Southwest Missouri Conference	321 13	
Tennessee Conference	8 00	
Virginia Conference	26 67	
West Texas Conference	44 84	
Western (Kansas) Conference	7 80	
Western North Carolina Conference	53 18	
Western Virginia Conference	64 00	
White River Conference	137 82	
Special donations	7 50	
Victorian Diamond Jubilee Fund	5 00	
Free Bed box	13 58	
Refund to Loan Fund from student	15 00	$5,936 80

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance brought forward			$ 384 86
Belle Bennett Chair	$2,120 42		
H. C. Boring Scholarship (completed)	904 88		
Sam Jones Scholarship (completed)	16 95		
S. Myra Smith Scholarship (W. H. M. S. completed)	152 20		
S. Noland Lectureship (completed)	1,257 90		
Kavanaugh Lectureship	316 80		
Free Bed for Ministers	1,041 58		
Victorian Diamond Jubilee Fund	5 00		
Students' Loan Fund	15 00		
Students' loan returned by student	15 00		
Florida Conference deposit for prospective student	74 07		
Cleora Murphy Memorial	17 00	—	5,936 80
			$6,321 66

DISBURSEMENTS.

To J. S. Chick for endowment	$5,350 00		
To expense, salary and office	555 33		
To J. S. Chick, Treasurer, endowment by Mrs. W. (1896)	43 78		
To Furnishing Fund (transferred to school)	56 23	—	$6,005 34
Balance on hand April 1, 1899			316 32

SPECIALS.

Incomplete Funds April 1, 1899.

The Belle H. Bennett Chair	$16,452 33
The Kavanaugh Lectureship	4,106 21
The Memorial Scholarship	658 29
The Texas Scholarship	784 11
The Free Bed for Ministers	1,102 46
The Victorian Diamond Jubilee Fund	1,034 35
The Students' Loan Fund	67 00
The Hallie Stafford Cot	28 80

The following special funds were completed during the year: The Stephen Noland Lectureship, the Sam Jones and the H. C. Boring Scholarships, and the Myra Smith Woman's Home Mission Society Scholarship.

ELIZABETH BILLINGSLEY, *Cor. Sec.*

Miss Gibson also brought a verbal communication to the Woman's Board from the managers of Scarritt Bible and Training School regarding the *Evangel*, the organ of the school, which was referred to a special committee to be appointed by the President.

Bishop Wilson was invited to come before the Board, and in the short time remaining of the morning session to give all the information possible concerning the mission fields he has just visited. His remarks upon the situation in Korea, and the general prospect

of mission work in the East were most impressive and inspiring, and made all present realize the necessity of active, earnest, *rapid* work for these lands and their great need at this hour of the vitalizing, transforming power of the gospel of Christ.

Rev. Mr. Towson, of Japan, was introduced to the body.

Mrs. John Mathews, of Nashville, led the devotional exercises, reading as a Scripture lesson, Luke xvii. 11–19, the healing of the ten lepers. She presented this incident as, for the most part, a picture of selfishness and ingratitude. The returning grateful, healed ones is a type of the living, working, Christian women of the Church to-day, for the natural expression of loving gratitude to Christ is an endeavor to bring a knowledge of his saving power to those who know him not. The nine who went selfishly and thoughtlessly on their way typify the idle, indifferent women of the Church to-day who are not enlisted in any grateful service for their Saviour. True consecration will constrain Christian women to live lives of devoted activity, and obedience will make this service joyful and sweet.

After the benediction by Dr. Lambuth the meeting adjourned.

MORNING SESSION.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions met Monday, 8:30 A.M., for its third business session. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. W. Hampton. After Hymn 873, "I am thine, O Lord," was sung and prayer offered, Mrs. Hampton read as her Scripture lesson Psalm xxxvii. 1–7. She called these verses "The Preacher's Wife's Portion," and brought to view most forcibly the wonderful injunctions contained therein: "Fret not," "Trust in the Lord," "Delight thyself in the Lord," "Commit thy way unto the Lord," "Rest in the Lord," "Wait patiently for him."

The President called the meeting to order. On motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with, and the minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

The President announced the names of the special committee to consider the communication concerning the *Evangel* brought by Miss Gibson: Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Park, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Crawford, and Mrs. Wilson.

Mrs. Whitehall and Miss Emma Davis were introduced as pages for the day.

Mrs. Sowell, on behalf of the Tennessee Conference Society, brought an invitation to the Board to take a drive to Mount Olivet

Cemetery, from four to six o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of visiting the grave of our loved Foreign Secretary, Mrs. D. H. McGavock. Accepted with thanks.

Mrs. Park moved that, in view of this recreation, the committees meet as soon after luncheon as practicable. Carried.

Mrs. Trueheart, Chairman of the Committee on Extension of Work, presented Report No. 1. (See report, page 129.)

Bishop Wilson was invited to come forward and speak to the Board upon the subject of the appropriations contained in this report. The Bishop spoke first upon the subject of self-support in our mission work. He said that the time had almost come when we can put charity work in China upon the same plane as in this country. He urged the building of a girls' school in Soochow like McTyeire School in Shanghai. Education was one of the fermenting questions in China. The rash edict of the Emperor regarding civil examinations, although revoked by the Empress, had been replaced by an order to build schools modeled after foreign plans in all the large cities, which is even a better measure. Money should not be carefully considered now, as the time will soon come when our mission schools will be largely self-supporting. This school to be projected at Soochow should be arranged to accommodate one hundred pupils, and will cost $35,000. After listening to the Bishop's forcible words, the Board felt impelled to increase the appropriation for Trinity Home, Shanghai, from $5,000 to $6,000, this last sum being the amount asked for by our agent in China. After discussion this report was adopted.

Mrs. S. N. Jones, Chairman, presented Report No. 1 from the Committee on Missionary Candidates. Adopted. (See report, page 130.)

The Secretary read a cordial invitation from Barbee & Smith, Agents, that the members of the Board singly, or in a body, visit the Publishing House. Accepted with thanks.

Miss Gibson read to the Board a most tender and touching letter from Sister Avis, for many years a member of the body from the St. Louis Conference Society. She was instructed to reply on behalf of the Board and convey words of loving remembrance and appreciation. The Secretary was also instructed to embody a portion of the letter in her minutes, as the Board so highly honors this its oldest living member, now nearly ninety years of age:

The place where you are meeting awakens in my mind the most pleasurable recollections. In Nashville I first met the Board; was profited and

blessed; and I want you all to know that, although I am not with you in person, I am with you in spirit, and am praying most heartily that our dear Heavenly Father will be with you, crowning your meeting with his richest blessings. I have a great desire to see you again before I go home, and though I have no authority to invite you to St. Louis, my heart says: "Won't you come?" I am quite sure there are hearts warm enough and homes large enough to give you a pleasant meeting, and we need the influence your presence will exert.

O how sweet it will be, in that beautiful land,
So free from all sorrow and pain,
With songs on our lips and with harps in our hands,
To meet one another again.

Dr. J. D. Barbee, Dr. W. G. E. Cunnyngham, and Dr. John Mathews were introduced to the Board.

Miss Lena Freeman presented the annual report of the Agent of Leaflets:

REPORT OF AGENT OF LEAFLETS.

Number of copies of leaflets issued from June, 1898, to June, 1899, 286,000. Number of pages, 1,056,000. Cost of publishing and mailing, $461.71. Thirteen leaflets were issued—3 of six pages each, 5 of four pages each, 5 of two pages each. MISS LENA FREEMAN, *Agent.*

The Secretary read the report of the Treasurer of the Memorial Fund:

REPORT OF TREASURER OF MEMORIAL FUND.

Amount received for the Memorial Fund from June, 1898, to June, 1899, $63.40. R. VIRGINIA CLOUD, *Treasurer.*

Miss Gibson read a card just received from Miss E. D. Cushman, Superintendent of Nurses in Scarritt Bible and Training School, stating that she had been accepted by the American Board of Missions for missionary work in Cæsarea, Asiatic Turkey.

The Board commissioned Mrs. Wightman to send a telegram to Miss Cushman on behalf of the Board. Mrs. Wightman sent the following:

Congratulations and prayers. Psalm cxxi.
MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN and W. B. F. M.

On motion of Miss Tula Daniel, Mrs. Wilson led in earnest prayer for God's best blessings upon Miss Cushman in her new field of service.

Mrs. McIntosh asked if the Conference Secretaries had been able to secure fourth-rate postage upon their supplies of literature sent out quarterly, as suggested by Mrs. Harris at the last annual meeting. Few had succeeded in obtaining these rates, but after discussion determined to make more vigorous efforts.

Miss Alice Moore, of Brazil, was invited to come before the Board and present some phases of our work in that mission field. She spoke in terms of commendation of the perfect organization of our schools in Brazil, and of the mental capacity of the pupils. One feature in the boarding schools was especially encouraging: every pupil entered in these schools, almost without exception, has desired to own a Bible before she has been in the school a year. The Bible is taught as a text-book daily; the system of International Lessons is also used in our schools. Not only Catholicism but atheism and freethinking are to be contended with in Brazil. Many are willing to hear Catholicism denounced, but have no desire to listen to the pure gospel. Religion in Brazil is made up of material semblances; all idea of God's spiritual nature has been apparently lost; there is no worship "in spirit and in truth."

Miss Pyles, of China, was also invited to speak to the Board. She brought at this time only a few heartfelt words of thanks to God and to the Board for the privilege accorded her of working for the salvation of China. Her seven years of service there had been joyful years, and she especially esteems herself favored to be allowed to labor in China during its wonderful transition period.

Dr. Chappell, pastor of West End Church, Mrs. Bishop Hargrove, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, Dr. J. J. Ransom, former missionary to Brazil, now of North Nashville, and Dr. Tillett, Dean of the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University, were introduced to the body.

Dr. Tillett most cordially extended an invitation to the Board to visit Vanderbilt University. Accepted with thanks.

Mrs. Dr. Chappell, of Nashville, led the devotional exercises. Her theme was: "The Blessedness and Privilege of Service." 1. It brings with it association with Jesus, not as servants but as friends. 2. It arms us against care. "Come unto me, . . . I will give you rest," means not rest *from* work, but rest *in* work. 3. It brings joy in proportion to the service rendered and to the spirit in which it was given. 4. Its rewards found here in the building of our own characters; in eternity in the Master's plaudit.

Doxology and benediction by Rev. John Mathews.

MORNING SESSION.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions met Tuesday morning at 8:30 for its fourth business session. The devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Pyles, of China. Miss Pyles' subject was

"Living Service," and by the use of several portions of God's Word she stressed the need of an indwelling, living Christ in each heart; then the service of hands, life, and feet would be acceptable unto God, because it would be the expression of his own will dominating ours.

The meeting was called to order, and the minutes of Monday's session were read and approved.

The following resolution, presented by Mrs. MacDonell, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Board is not unmindful of the loving service of Miss Emma D. Cushman, Superintendent of Nurses in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and we also appreciate the important work to which God has called her. We pledge ourselves to follow her with deepest interest, praying that the presence of our Father may go with her, and that he may cause his face to shine upon her and give her peace.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
MRS. W. H. LAPRADE.

Mrs. Bentley called the attention of the Conference Secretaries to the two rates of charges on express packages of literature, and advised that these be fully investigated.

Mrs. Harris made a suggestion also to the effect that in some cases the publishers of minutes of annual meetings of Conference Societies are willing to send them direct to the Corresponding Secretaries of auxiliaries, and thus save largely in postage.

Mrs. Chappell and Miss Ruth Finney were introduced as pages for the day.

Mrs. Trueheart presented Report No. 2 from the Committee on Extension, appropriations and resolutions regarding work in Korea. Adopted. (See report, page 129.)

Mrs. Trueheart read Report No. 3 from the Committee on Extension, Mexican Border Conference work. Adopted. (See report, page 129.)

Mrs. Rush, Chairman of the Committee on Publication, presented the report of that committee. (See report, page 132.) On motion, this report was considered by items:

Items 1, 3, 5, and 6, adopted; items 2, 4, and 7, amended and adopted; item 8, recommitted.

Dr. E. E. Hoss, editor *Nashville Christian Advocate*, Dr. D. C. Kelley, and Rev. Mr. Anderson, of the Tennessee Conference, were introduced to the body.

Dr. Kelley most kindly presented pictures of the group of ladies who organized the first Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in

Nashville in 1871 to the members of the Board who were enlisted in this work previous to 1882. His kindness was greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Mrs. Gray, Chairman of the special committee appointed to consider the *Evangel*, presented their report. After discussion this report was recommitted for further action.

The Secretary read a communication from Mrs. Louise McHenry, offering a scholarship in the training class of the Nashville Free Kindergarten Association to any young woman preparing for foreign mission work and appointed to the place by this Board. The Board returned appreciation and thanks.

Mrs. Trueheart called attention to some publications forwarded to the Board by Mrs. Brelsford, former missionary to Brazil.

Mrs. Jones presented the following resolution, which was lost:

Whereas Section 1 of By-Laws of Conference Societies, page 157 Annual Report, relating to the election of a reserve delegate to this Board, is somewhat indefinite, and gives no specific instruction as to whether this reserve shall be a member of the Conference Executive Committee or not; therefore,

Resolved, That the clause, "this reserve to be always elected from the Conference Committee," be inserted after the words: "A reserve shall be elected to attend the meetings of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary."

MRS. S. N. JONES, MRS. M. A. NEILL,
MRS. J. E. MUSICK, MRS. J. W. RUSH,
MRS. C. W. BRANDON, MRS. F. D. SWINDELL.
MRS. W. M. McINTOSH,

Mrs. Harris presented the following substitute, which was adopted.

Resolved, That in Section 1 of By-Laws of Conference Societies, page 157 Annual Report, the words "at annual sessions of Conference Societies" be inserted, so that the sentence shall read thus: "A reserve shall be elected at the annual sessions of Conference Societies to attend the meetings of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary."

MRS. S. S. HARRIS,
MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART.

The Secretary read a communication from Mrs. T. P. Weakley, President of the Missionary Union of Nashville, in which the great advantages accruing from the organization of missionary unions in our cities were presented. Received with expressions of appreciation.

Mrs. Swindell presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That as soon as a Conference Secretary decides that she cannot

attend the approaching session of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, she shall send to the reserve delegate all the circular letters received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board during the year.

Mrs. F. D. Swindell,
Mrs. S. N. Jones,
Mrs. J. B. Malone.

The Recording Secretary called attention to the failure of some reserve delegates to bring credentials, year after year.

The President declaring the selection of the next place of meeting the item of business now in order, Charleston, S. C., Knoxville, Tenn., Paris, Tex., St. Louis, Mo., and Greenwood, S. C., were nominated, and their claims warmly urged.

The Secretary read a communication from the Secretary of the Commercial Club of Omaha, Neb., inviting the Board to hold its next annual meeting in that city. This last invitation, coming from one of the business corporations of the country, was a new experience in the annals of the Board, and the Secretary was instructed to return a letter of thanks.

After discussion, Paris, Tex., was unanimously chosen as the place of meeting in 1900.

The closing devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Mary Helm. Her Scripture lesson consisted of selections from the fourth chapter of Hebrews, and most helpfully and impressively were the following truths presented: This "rest" to be found *here*, not beyond. The world knows not rest, does not offer it to its votaries—the tired faces of earth. "Why art thou, O soul, out of rest?" Hear the Master's words: "Come apart and rest awhile." This *coming apart* means two things—not always *glory*, as at the transfiguration, but sometimes *Gethsemane;* but it does under all circumstances mean to be *with Him.* "Wait on the Lord" is followed by "strengthen thy heart." Let us come apart and receive the Holy Spirit.

After the benediction by Rev. Mr. Anderson, the meeting adjourned.

MORNING SESSION.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions met Wednesday, May 24, at 8:30 A.M., for its final business session.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Medora Stewart, President of the Tennessee Conference Society. The Scripture lesson was selections from Psalm cxxxix., but the morning thought which Mrs. Stewart desired to bring to the Board was Proverbs iv. 23: "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues

of life." The great necessity of keeping the portals of the five senses was enforced by quotations from God's Word, and the possibility of successful obedience to these commands was shown to lie only in the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

The minutes of Tuesday's session were read and adopted. The President called attention to still further indefiniteness in Section 1 of By-Laws, page 157 Annual Report, and a change was authorized in the verbage, thereby making the meaning clearer.

Mrs. Trueheart presented Report No. 4 of the Committee on Extension, Northwest Mexican Mission Conference and Central Mexican Mission Conference.

After discussion the appropriation for the rent of the school building in the City of Mexico was supplemented by $300 contingent, in case the building cannot be secured for a smaller sum. The report was adopted after amendment.

Report No. 5, on Brazil, was approved, and its estimates and resolutions adopted; also Report No. 6, on the Indian Mission Conference.

Mrs. Trueheart presented Report No. 7, containing estimates and resolutions on the Cuban Mission. After discussion and amendment this report was adopted. (For these reports see page 129.)

Mrs. Trueheart read the report of the Committee on Extension concerning items referred for their consideration during the session of this Board. Adopted.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT.

Your committee, to whom was referred the Twentieth Century Movement of our Church, submits the following:

1. We are in full sympathy with this movement, and pledge ourselves to do all possible to secure a sufficient sum to place our educational institutions abroad upon a substantial basis. In particular we will seek to secure funds to purchase suitable school buildings in the City of Mexico, in Cuba, in Soochow (China), and in Juiz de Fora (Brazil), the amount needed being $75,000.

2. That to meet so large an amount, over and above the collections of the present year, we make special effort in public, as well as in private, and devote our Easter offerings to the same.

3. That a special programme in the interest of this movement be prepared in good time for Easter, and as we work we will take Christ with us, knowing without him we can do nothing.

4. That Mrs. A. W. Wilson be requested to prepare the programme for Easter as well as for the Week of Thanksgiving.

ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

Your committee, in considering the grand purpose of the Conference on

Foreign Missions that will open in New York, April, 1900, recommend the following:

Resolved: 1. That we indorse the programme adopted by the World's Committee of Women's Missionary Societies, particularly that for Woman's day, Thursday, April 26.

2. That we urge the general officers of our Woman's Board to arrange to be present in New York during the sessions of the great Conference and be ready not only to secure all the information possible but do their part toward furnishing whatever assistance they may be called upon to render.

3. That as many of our Conference Society officers as can will also attend the Ecumenical Convention, where will be gathered missionaries and other notable workers from every part of the world.

4. That at least one of our returned missionaries shall be sent on to take whatever part in the programme she may be called upon to take.

5. That at the fixed hour for our daily concert of prayer this great Conference be remembered, that God may make it such a power in awakening and deepening missionary interest as has never been known in the world's history before.

Students' Missionary Campaign.

The matter recommended in the Corresponding Secretary's report of the home work touching the Students' Missionary Campaign was indorsed, and students at the Scarritt Bible and Training School, as far as practicable, as well as returned missionaries, be encouraged to visit our female colleges for the purpose of interesting all the students in the subject of foreign missions. That District Secretaries seek to crystallize these efforts by organizing and sustaining societies which may result therefrom.

Children's Enrollment Cards.

The Committee on Extension, in considering the question of the Buds and Blossoms, submits the following: That a lady be selected to take charge of the Buds and Blossoms Enrollment Cards, visiting mothers and securing the name of each child and holding the card, year after year, until the limit of enrollment, when it may be given to the child. She shall also, once a quarter, turn over to the Treasurer of the Conference Society, the funds collected reporting the same as Buds and Blossoms Enrollment Fund.

On motion of Miss Gibson, the Board unanimously decided to endeavor by every possible means to raise $75,000 as an extra offering toward the Twentieth Century Educational Movement; the same to be used in the erection of school buildings in Soochow, China; Juiz de Fora, Brazil; and Havana, Cuba.

Mrs. Gray presented the report of the special committee on the *Evangel* recommitted yesterday.

Report of Special Committee on the Evangel and the Publication of a General Organ in the Interest of the Missionary Work of Our Church.

1. Since we do not think that the multiplication of periodicals is the

most effective way of furnishing information, and since our Conference Societies have not evidenced their appreciation of the *Evangel* by the liberal patronage it has deserved, we recommend the discontinuance of that paper.

2. Feeling that our Training School interests lie so near our hearts that we desire regular communications from them, and desiring to keep it prominently before the whole Church, we would therefore ask for special space in our *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, to be called "The Training School Department," which shall be devoted every month to such matter as may serve to increase the general interest in this worthy institution, and also serve as a source of information to patrons and former students of the school.

3. As the publication and management of the *Evangel* has been a private enterprise, we would respectfully leave the manner and time of its discontinuance to the discretion of those who have had the matter in hand.

4. The proposition that some effort should be made looking toward the consolidation of several missionary periodicals into one large organ with its various departments for the different features of missionary work has the approval of this committee, but as it seems a matter involving more investigation and consultation than we are prepared to give it at this time, we recommend the postponement of the subject to some future meeting.

MRS. E. A. GRAY, *Chairman*, MRS. S. N. JONES,
MRS. L. W. CRAWFORD, MRS. A. W. WILSON.
MRS. S. S. PARK,

Adopted as a whole.

Rev. L. F. Beaty, assistant editor of the *Sunday School Visitor*, asked to be allowed to have photographs taken of the Board and of the missionaries present, for insertion in the *Sunday School Visitor*, that the children of the Church might become familiar with the faces of these workers for the salvation of the heathen. The request was granted, the sittings to be given at the close of the morning session.

Mrs. Rush, Chairman, brought in Report No. 2 of the Committee on Publication. (See report, page 132.)

The report was considered by items:

Items 1 and 3, adopted; item 2, amended and adopted.

Mrs. McTyeire, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the report of that committee. (See report, page 131.) After discussion, each item was adopted.

Mrs. Higginbotham, Chairman, read the report of the Committee on Memorials.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

1. The memorial from the White River Conference Society to unite the Juvenile Missionary Societies with the Junior Leagues has been considered. We recommend nonconcurrence.

2. We have considered the memorial from the Missouri Conference Society

with reference to naming the school at Juiz de Fora. We recommend the substitution of the name Isabella Hendrix Seminary, in honor of our faithful and beloved manager, and for many years their efficient President, now their First Vice President.

3. We have considered the memorial from the Northwest Texas Conference Society. With Section 1, which refers to the election of lady managers, we recommend nonconcurrence, as this action would involve a change of Constitution, which we deem unadvisable. With Section 2, which refers to the addition of two articles to the By-Laws governing Young People's Societies, we recommend nonconcurrence, as through Section 14, By-Laws of Conference Societies, each Conference Society is given the right to manage its internal affairs. With Section 3, which refers to the manner of making quarterly reports, we recommend concurrence.

4. Having received information from the Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School that arrangements have been made for the completion of the Belle Bennett Chair during the present fiscal year without further public call, this committee need take no action on this item referred to it from the report of the above-named Board, except to offer congratulation.

MRS. W. B. HIGGINBOTHAM, MRS. J. E. MUSICK,
MRS. C. W. BRANDON, MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
MRS. F. D. SWINDELL, MRS. I. G. JOHN.

Adopted.

Report No. 2 from Committee on Missionary Candidates was presented by Mrs. Jones, Chairman. (See report, page 130.) Adopted.

Mrs. Malone offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas the Corresponding Secretaries of the several Conference Societies have many problems to solve that are common to all, each having in her own Conference work some difficulties to meet which another may have overcome, and plans and methods to suggest which might prove helpful to a less experienced Secretary; and whereas open Conference would guard us against the folly of wasting energy in needless experiments; therefore,

Resolved, That time be allowed at our next Board meeting for the Conference Secretaries to meet and consider the best methods for conducting work in Conference Societies, that the importance of this department be magnified.

MRS. J. B. MALONE, MISS SALLIE SMYLIE,
MRS. E. A. GRAY, MRS. S. N. JONES,
MRS. S. S. HARRIS, MRS. F. D. SWINDELL.
MRS. W. M. MCINTOSH,

Pledges were called for, and the following amounts promised by the Secretaries of the Conference Societies: Alabama, $600; Arkansas, $400; Baltimore, $400; East Texas, $200; Florida, $500; Holston, $1,000; Kentucky, $1,000; Louisiana, $200; Louisville, $800; Memphis, $500; Mississippi, $300; Missouri, $1,000; North Alabama, $500; North Carolina, $1,000; North Georgia, $3,000; North

Mississippi, $400; Northwest Texas, $500; South Carolina, $1,500; South Georgia, $3,000; Southwest Missouri, $2,000; St. Louis, $300; Tennessee, $1,000; Texas, $500; Virginia, $800; West Texas, $50; Western North Carolina, $1,500; Western Virginia, $400; White River, $400. Total, $23,750.

Mrs. Higginbotham offered the following resolution:

Believing that the book "Missionary Cameos" will be rendered far more attractive and salable by the insertion of Mrs. Hayes' and Mrs. McGavock's pictures, and having ascertained that the expense can be met by placing the price of the book at twenty cents instead of fifteen cents, and that this addition can be made to the one hundred copies already issued; therefore,

Resolved, That pictures of Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. McGavock shall be added to "Missionary Cameos,' and that the price shall be twenty cents.

Signed: Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham, Mrs. S. S. Park, Mrs. J. W. Humbert, Mrs. W. G. E. Cunnyngham, Mrs. I. L. Hendrix, Miss L. P. Lane, Mrs. S. S. Harris, Mrs. W. H. La Prade, Mrs. V. V. Harlan, Mrs. M. A. Neill, Mrs. J. P. Mussett, Mrs. S. N. Jones, Miss Sallie Smylie, Mrs. F. D. Swindell, Mrs. J. W. Rush, Mrs. J. E. Bentley.

The Publishing Committee, Mrs. W. G. E. Cunnyngham, Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Mrs. I. G. John, Mrs. P. A. Sowell, was reappointed.

Mrs. Malone, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Nothing could give us more pleasure than this opportunity of expressing appreciation of the many good things which our Heavenly Father, through his dear children in Nashville, has been offering us during the past week. Our hearts go out in warm gratitude, and our souls are bound together in closer, firmer bonds of Christian fellowship and unity.

While we shall find it hard to say good-by, we are sure that the memory of these glad days of divinely sweet communion will strengthen us for better service during the coming year; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That to the families in Nashville who have so graciously welcomed us to their homes and hearts with that warm hospitality for which Nashville is famous, that tender greeting and loving solicitude for our comfort which quickly won our affection, we express fervent thanks.

2. That commendation is due the Flower Committee of this church, who chose for beautifying the house of God during this session palms and lilies, emblems of victory and purity. The fragrant white blossoms silently reminded us daily of the Christ, who "in the beauty of the lilies was born across the sea," and of the victory that shall come to all who follow in his steps.

3. That to the Reception Committee, the pages, the sexton, the choir, we are indebted for graceful ministries.

4. That we are under obligations to the ladies of the several Methodist

churches for the delicious noonday lunches and most kindly attentions extended to each and all in the name of our Master.

5. That special mention be made of the untiring courtesy of Rev. J. R. Stewart, pastor of Tulip Street Church, and Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Weakley, whose thoughtful attentions have contributed much toward comfort in our work.

6. That the thanks of this body are extended to the railroads who so kindly made reduction in rates for our benefit.

7. That the open session given by the Young People and Juvenile Societies of Tulip Street Church for our Board merits special praise.

8. That the inspiring addresses of Dr. Lambuth, Bishop Wilson, Dr. Newton, and Brother Towson have quickened our courage and our faith.

9. That loving recognition be made of the presence of many visitors who have paid their own way from a distance. We trust that they have been profited as we have been blessed by their attendance.

10. That thanks are cordially offered to Mrs. Bishop Hargrove for the pleasure of the reception given to the Board at her beautiful home.

11. That as a body we would convey to our beloved Miss Nannie E. Holding our heartfelt congratulations on her restoration to health, and express our sincere desire that her visit to her old Kentucky home may result in great blessing to her and the cause.

12. That special mention be made of the loving message received from the auxiliaries of Austin, Tex., and the joy we felt in receiving this greeting.

13. That the presence and heart-to-heart talks of our returned missionaries, Miss Martha Pyles and Miss Alice Moore, have been a blessing to us, and our prayers shall follow these dear sisters as they go forth.

14. That grateful recognition be made of the welcome invitation extended by Dr. Tillett for the Board to visit Vanderbilt University; also that of Messrs. Barbee & Smith to visit our Publishing House.

15. That the $2,000 bequest of Miss Melissa Baker, the $1,000 bequest of Miss Thomas, and the $218 bequest of Miss Margaret Stewart, all of Baltimore, are acknowledged most gratefully.

16. That fervent thanks are due the ladies of the Tennessee Conference Society for the drive to Mount Olivet Cemetery. The impressive services at the grave of our beloved Mrs. McGavock will linger in our memory.

And now upon Tulip Street Church, so rich in love, grace, intelligence, and Christian energy, we pray God's choicest benediction. May you be the objects of his special watch care! Pure as the lilies may you live, and may the divine Comforter abide with you always!

MRS. J. B. MALONE, MISS SALLIE SMYLIE,
MRS. JAMES THOMAS, MRS. S. N. JONES.

After the benediction the twenty-first annual session of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions stood adjourned.

MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN, *President;*
MRS. T. B. HARGROVE, *Secretary.*

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

EXTENSION.

1. It is recommended that as soon as the money is collected a home and school will be erected in Soochow, similar to McTyeire Home and School in Shanghai.

2. That Miss Haygood be instructed to find a suitable lot for the purpose and communicate with the Board as to price and location.

3. That Miss Coffey's request be granted to build a suitable house in Nantziang for a home and school, that she may more thoroughly train the scholarships and Bible women committed to her care. The school is to be built from the amount she has in hand, and as it is to be entirely self-supporting, repairs, taxes, and maintenance must be met from the surplus hereafter accruing from the Virginia Conference specials, which are located with her.

4. That we commend the movement of our missionaries in China, who are taking steps to provide a suitable home as a health resort, and tender help, if it becomes needed, that the building projected may be not only comfortable but attractive.

5. That the addition needed to accommodate the increased attendance at Seoul, as well as the enlargement of Carolina Institute, be made as soon as possible.

6. That Miss Carroll, recently recommended for Korea, will proceed to Seoul, and remain with Mrs. Campbell until the work in Song-do can be opened, and Mrs. Campbell has the necessary assistance in Seoul, after which both Miss Hinds and Miss Carroll may be transferred to Song-do, if in Mrs. Campbell's judgment it is best.

7. That Miss Wright, who has been serving the Board at Laredo, be transferred to Guadalajara to assist Miss Case, who will have charge during Miss A. V. Wilson's leave of absence.

8. That after this year those in charge of Laredo Day School will instruct all pupils to furnish their schoolbooks.

9. That Miss Roberts' request to extend her course of study and raise her standard of graduation at Saltillo is highly commended, and at an early day she may be so equipped that her graduates will be accepted by the authorities in Mexico as suitable teachers without having to take the normal school training as heretofore, and by another year the Board may be in a condition to assist her in carrying out this purpose.

10. That the enlargement asked for at Durango cannot be granted this year.

11. In considering Brother Corbin's urgent invitation to open up work in El Paso, Tex., while your committee agrees that the need in that city for other and well-equipped schools is pressing, we do not deem it advisable as a

foreign missionary organization to begin any other work within the limits of the home land.

12. That Miss McNemar be assigned to Saltillo to assist Miss Roberts, and Miss Moling to the City of Mexico to assist Miss Norville.

13. That Miss N. E. Holding be instructed to remain at home in Kentucky until her strength is fully restored. Our gratitude is profound that God in his goodness spared her life to us and to the work, and that her abundant labors in the oversight of our Mexico Mission, as well as her conduct of all the affairs of Laredo Seminary, which occupies a high place among educational institutions, through her wise management, calls for our sincere, our hearty thanks.

14. That Miss Maidee Smith be appointed to Brazil as a teacher, under the provision had several years ago—viz., that missionary teachers may be sent out to Brazil at a salary not exceeding $500 a year and traveling expenses, provided said teacher gives five years' service. Miss Smith's testimonials are exceptionally fine, but as she has not attended the Bible College, nor were her papers sent in three months in advance of an annual session, she could not be accepted as a missionary.

15. That efforts continue to secure suitable property at Juiz de Fora on the terms agreed upon last year.

16. That the request, made by the joint Conference of the Brazil Mission, to open work at Ribeirão Preto and Bello Horizonte, as there are no missionaries now ready, be not granted.

17. That Miss Stradley continue in charge of the work at Piracicaba.

CUBA.

That two teachers be sent to take charge of day school work in the city of Matanzas, upon the same conditions as missionary teachers are employed in Brazil. That Miss Whitman proceed to open the work as early as the climate will permit—say October 1, next. Miss Whitman's testimonials were fully indorsed by the Committee on Missionary Candidates. That the Board in Nashville, *ad interim*, be instructed to arrange for the additional teacher recommended.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

Your Committee on Missionary Candidates submits the following report:

1. The application and papers of Miss Fannie B. Moling, of the Missouri Conference Society, referred to this committee by the Local Board, are entirely satisfactory, and we recommend her to be accepted as a missionary to to the foreign field, and to be appointed to work in Mexico.

2. That Miss Lela McNemar, of the Mississippi Conference, whose papers have been approved and accepted by the Local Board, be appointed to work in Mexico.

3. Miss Arrena Carroll, of the Baltimore Conference, comes before this committee regularly indorsed by the Local Board, and we recommend her to be accepted as a missionary to the foreign field, and appointed to work in Korea.

4. Miss Mollie Cessna, of the North Mississippi Conference, whose papers have been approved by the Local Board, is hereby recommended as a missionary to the foreign field, to be appointed to work in China.

5. Miss Clara Fullerton, of the Louisville Conference, having been indorsed by the Local Board, is recommended by this committee for acceptance as a foreign missionary, and for appointment to work in Brazil.

6. The papers of Miss Daisy Moore, of the Florida Conference Society, were considered by this committee, and she was recommended to take the regular two years' course at the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

7. The papers of Miss Maud Fisher, of the ——— Conference Society, have been examined, and this committee recommends that she take the regular course at the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

Mrs. S. N. Jones,	Mrs. H. C. Cheatham,
Mrs. W. G. E. Cunnyngham,	Mrs. J. W. Hampton,
Mrs. A. W. Wilson,	Mrs. J. B. Malone,
Mrs. S. S. Harris,	Mrs. C. W. Brandon,
Mrs. W. M. McIntosh,	Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham.

FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance recommend the following:

1. Realizing that the presence of our President at Conferences and Church gatherings would awaken new interest in missionary work, we recommend that $250 be appropriated for her expenses.

2. That the Corresponding Secretary be paid a salary of $1,200 per annum and that $300 be allowed for office expenses.

3. That $75 be appropriated to purchase a typewriter for the use of the Corresponding Secretary.

4. That $600 be appropriated for clerical help for Corresponding Secretary.

5. That $350 be appropriated for the Treasurer, with $50 allowed for office expenses.

6. That $850 be appropriated for publications ordered by the Board, and expenses of mailing the same, and $150 contingent.

7. That $500, with $50 contingent, be appropriated for publishing and mailing leaflets.

8. That $50 be appropriated to publish a missionary prayer calendar.

9. That $75 be allowed for publishing a book of entertainments for juvenile societies.

10. That $10 be appropriated for the next issue of Buds and Blossoms cards.

11. That $125 be appropriated for mite boxes.

12. That $125 be allowed for mailing mite boxes and certificates of life membership.

13. That the editor of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* be paid a salary of $100 per month from receipts of the paper.

14. That the assistant to the editor of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* be paid $500 from the receipts of the paper.

15. That the editor of the *Little Worker* be paid $750 from the receipts of the paper if possible; if not, to be paid out of the Contingent Fund, and that $150 be allowed her for office expenses.

16. That the agent of the *Little Worker* be paid $150 from the Contingent Fund.

17. That the Editor of Leaflets be paid $150 and $50 allowed her for office expenses.

18. That $1,000 be appropriated to pay the amount due the Publishing House for *Woman's Missionary Advocate.*

Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, *Chairman;*
Mrs. P. A. Sowell, *Secretary.*

PUBLICATION.

The Committee on Publication begs leave to submit the following report:

1. Our committee would express its appreciation of the booklets and sketches already published by the Board, and would urge upon Conference Secretaries their duty to encourage and assist in the sale of all such helps.

2. We recommend that seven thousand five hundred copies of the Twenty First Annual Report, including the Minutes, be issued for distribution; also that thirteen thousand Summarized Reports be published.

We recommend the following supplies: "How to Organize," 1,600; Adult Constitution and By-Laws, 3,000; Young People's and Juvenile Constitution and By-Laws, 2,000; blanks for reporting adult organizations, 2,500; blanks for reporting young people's and juvenile organizations, 2,400; "Duties of Officers and Members," 6,000.

4. We recommend that ten thousand mite boxes be issued.

5. We recommend the continued use of the "Buds and Blossoms" cards, that they be furnished free, and that a sufficient appropriation be made to supply the demand when the present quantity is exhausted.

6. We also recommend that the Publishing Committee arrange for a book of programmes and suggestions for juvenile entertainments at a price not exceeding twenty-five cents a copy.

7. We favor the use of a prayer cycle, or calendar, and would request the Publishing Committee to prepare one in such form as will be most convenient for daily use, limiting the price of same to ten or fifteen cents per copy.

8. We can but repeat the resolution of all former committees indorsing the *Woman's Missionary Advocate,* but feel that the time has come when we must do even more than that, we *must* make this periodical self-supporting, and in order to accomplish this we recommend that the General Secretary apportion among the membership of the Society the additional number of subscribers necessary, and that each Conference Corresponding Secretary do all in her power to secure the number assigned her.

9. We recommend the publication of twenty-five thousand leaflets for adults and young people.

10. We heartily favor, as heretofore recommended, that each Conference Society have a missionary column in its Conference *Advocate* and that auxiliaries endeavor to do the same in their county papers.

11. Believing that the *Little Worker* is more indispensable than ever to our work, taking the place as it does of juvenile leaflets, and being the chief source of information and instruction to our juvenile societies, we would again urge greater efforts to increase its subscription list.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. J. W. RUSH,
MRS. E. A. GRAY,
MRS. J. E. BENTLEY,
MRS. L. H. POTTS,
MRS. M. A. NEILL,
MRS. L. W. CRAWFORD,
MISS LAURA BRADFORD.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1899-1900.

China Mission.

Shanghai District.

Miss Haygood's salary	$ 750 00
Miss Hughes' salary	750 00
Miss Richardson's half salary, travel home, etc	750 00
Miss Bomar's salary	750 00
Miss Gary's salary	750 00
Miss Sander's salary	750 00
Miss Waters' salary	750 00
Miss Tarrant's salary	562 50
Miss Rankin's salary	750 00
Miss Coffey's salary	750 00
Miss Mary Richardson's travel and salary	750 00
Clopton School	700 00
Day schools	900 00
McTyeire Home and School	200 00
McGavock Memorial	1,000 00
Rebuilding Trinity and Clopton	6,000 00
Woman's work	150 00
Shanghai, repairs, incidentals, and taxes	200 00
Treasurer and Agent's office and itineration	50 00
Nantziang and Käding	400 00
Nantziang and Käding day schools	400 00
Nantziang and Käding, woman's work	50 00
Nantziang and Käding, taxes and repairs	50 00
Rents, incidentals, and printing	200 00
Contingent for Shanghai District	150 00
Sending out one missionary	900 00

Sung-Kiang.

Opening work	200 00
Woman's work	100 00
Miss Leveritt's salary	750 00
Hayes-Wilkins Memorial	350 00
Total for Shanghai District	$20,150 50

Soochow District.

Miss Atkinson's salary	$ 750 00
Miss Steger's salary	750 00
Miss Pyles' salary	375 00
Mrs. Gaither's salary	750 00

Dr. M. Polk's salary	$ 750 00
Miss Martin's salary	750 00
Hospital	800 00
Mary Black Memorial	400 00
Mary Lambuth School	700 00
Day schools	850 00
Miss Williams' salary	750 00
Taxes, repairs, and rents	250 00
Davidson Bible School	400 00
Total	$ 8,275 00

Korea.

Mrs. Campbell's salary	$ 750 00
Miss Hinds' salary	562 50
School work	250 00
Boarding school	250 00
To building	1,000 00
Incidentals	150 00
Sending out new missionary and salary	1,000 00
Total	$ 3,912 50

MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE.

Laredo and Saltillo.

Miss N. E. Holding's salary	$ 750 00
Miss Delia Holding's salary	750 00
Miss Park's salary	750 00
Mrs. McClendon's salary	750 00
Miss L. Robert's salary	750 00
Teachers' salaries at seminary	4,000 00
Matron's salary at seminary	300 00
Native teachers' salaries	200 00
Current expenses	2,000 00
Expense for agent and travel	250 00
Miss Wright's salary	750 00
Insurance	366 00
New missionary, travel and outfit	650 00
Nuevo Laredo	250 00
Woman's work	150 00
Rent for school (West End)	25 00
West End School's native teachers' salaries	150 00
Laredo day school and rent	400 00
Native teachers' salaries	350 00
Books	50 00
Saltillo: Teachers' salaries	1,200 00
Native teacher	150 00
Charity school	150 00

Woman's work	$ 150 00
Taxes and repairs	200 00
Current expenses	200 00
Total	$15,441 00

NORTHWEST MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

Chihuahua and Durango.

Miss Lizzie Wilson's salary	$ 750 00
Miss Harper's salary	750 00
Durango: Miss McFarren's salary	750 00
Miss Tydings' salary	750 00
Chihuahua: Teachers' salaries	1,000 00
Native teacher's salary	150 00
Current expenses	400 00
Charity school	150 00
Woman's work	150 00
Taxes, repairs, etc	500 00
Total	$ 5,350 00

Durango.

Charity school	$ 150 00
Woman's work	150 00
Teachers' salaries	1,000 00
Taxes, repairs, etc	250 00
Native teacher's salary	150 00
Current expenses	250 00
Total	$ 7,400 00

CENTRAL MEXICO MISSION CONFERENCE.

San Luis Potosi, Guadalajara, and City of Mexico.

San Luis: Miss Toland's salary	$ 750 00
Miss Blackburn's salary	750 00
Guadalajara: Miss A. V. Wilson's salary	750 00
Miss Mattie Dorsey's salary	750 00
Miss Esther Case' salary	750 00
San Luis: Teachers' salaries	1,500 00
Native teacher's salary	150 00
Charity school and rent	270 00
Woman's work	150 00
Taxes and repairs	150 00
Guadalajara: Current expenses	500 00
Teachers' salaries	500 00
Native teacher's salary	150 00

Woman's work	$ 100 00
Charity school	200 00
Taxes and repairs	200 00
City of Mexico: Rent	1,200 00
Fitting and furnishing	1,500 00
Salary of Mexican teacher	150 00
Salary of Miss Norville	750 00
Salary of Miss Churchill	750 00
Contingent, charity school	150 00
Woman's work	150 00
Current expenses	400 00
Sending out new missionary	650 00
Total	$13,270 00

BRAZIL.

Petropolis.

Miss Watts' salary	$ 750 00
Miss Umberger's salary	750 00
Teacher's salary	500 00
Itineration of agent	250 00
Expense in moving missionaries	150 00
Incidentals	200 00
Kindergarten teacher	500 00
Total	$ 3,310 00

Piracicaba.

Miss Alice Moore's return and salary	$ 950 00
Miss Stradley's salary	750 00
Miss Smith's salary	750 00
Taxes and repairs	200 00
Teacher's salary	500 00
Sending out new missionary	820 00
Total	$ 3,970 00

Juiz de Fora.

Miss Pescud's salary	$ 750 00
Miss Perkinson's salary	750 00
House rent	1,300 00
Teacher's salary	400 00
Miss Shaffer's salary	750 00
Incidentals	200 00
Total	$ 4,150 00

Rio de Janeiro.

Miss Bowman's salary	$ 750 00
Miss Glenn's salary	375 00
Woman's work	300 00
House rent for day school	1,200 00
Incidentals	200 00
Teacher's salary	400 00
New missionary and travel	800 00
Total	$ 4,025 00

São Paulo.

Miss Elerding's salary	$ 750 00
Woman's work and room rent	150 00
Total	$ 900 00

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

Anadarko and Fort Sill.

Teachers' salaries	$ 900 00
Matron	300 00
Assistant matron and seamstress	150 00
Laundry and cook	400 00
Indian help	100 00
Industrial teacher and interpreter	300 00
Food	650 00
Clothing	600 00
Fuel	200 00
Furnishing and seating new building	300 00
Repairs and incidentals	150 00
Miss Brewster's camp work	200 00
Miss Brewster's salary	500 00
Rev. J. J. Methvin's salary	700 00
Total	$ 5,600 00

CUBA.

Santiago and Matanzas.

Miss Carson's salary	$ 750 00
Teacher's salary	600 00
Rent	300 00
Opening new work	1,000 00
Incidentals	150 00
Total	$ 2,800 00

SUMMARY.

China	$28,425 50
Korea	3,912 50
Mexico	36,111 00
Brazil	16,355 00
Indian Territory	5,600 00
Cuba	2,800 00
Contingent	6,000 00
Total	$99,204 00

Missionaries Employed by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, M. E. Church, South, Since It Was Organized.

Missionary.	Former Residence.	Conference Society.	Post Office Address.	Appointed.
Miss Lochie Rankin	Milan, Tenn	Memphis	Shanghai, China, Box 143	1878
Miss Dora Rankin*	Milan, Tenn	Memphis		1879
Miss Mattie H. Watts	Louisville, Ky	Louisville	Piracicaba, State de São Paulo, Brazil, S. A	1881
Miss Annie Williams ‡	Georgetown, Tex	West Texas		1881
Miss Rebecca Toland	Chapel Hill, Tex	Northwest Texas	San Luis Potosi, Mexico	1881
Miss Anna J. Muse ‡	Atlanta, Ga	North Georgia		1882
Miss Blanche Gilbert †	Roanoke, Va	Baltimore		1882
Miss Sarah Buford †	Georgetown, Tex	Texas		1882
Mrs. J. W. Lambuth †	China			.....
Miss Nora Lambuth †	China			.....
Mrs. A. P. Parker	China			.....
Miss Mattie B. Jones †	Norcross, Ga	North Georgia		1883
Miss Nannie E. Holding	Somerset, Ky	Kentucky	Laredo, Tex	1883
Miss Jennie C. Wolf †	Pensacola, Fla	Alabama		1883
Miss Laura A. Haygood	Atlanta, Ga	North Georgia	Shanghai, China	1884
Miss Dona Hamilton*	Paris, Tex	North Texas		1884
Miss Jennie M. Atkinson	Rock Mills, Ala	North Alabama	Soochow, China	1884
Miss Mildred M. Philips, M.D. ‡	California, Mo	Southwest Missouri		1884
Miss Lou E. Philips †	California, Mo	Southwest Missouri		1884
Miss Mary W. Bruce †	Plattsburg, Mo	Missouri		1884
Miss Emma E. Kerr ‡	Brownsville, Tenn	Memphis		1887
Mrs. J. P. Campbell	Los Angeles, Cal	Los Angeles	Seoul, Korea	1887
Miss Kate R. Roberts ‡*	Nashville, Tenn	Tennessee		1887
Miss Addie F. Gordon ‡	Port Gibson, Miss	North Mississippi		1887
Miss Bettie Hughes	Meridian, Miss	Mississippi	Shanghai, China	1887
Miss Lula H. Lipscomb ‡	Columbus, Miss	North Mississippi		1887
Miss Ada Reagan ‡	Nashville, Tenn	Tennessee		1887
Miss Lelia Roberts	Palo Pinto, Tex	North Texas	Saltillo, Mexico	1887
Miss Marcia Marvin †	St. Louis, Mo	St. Louis		1887
Miss Mary McClellan ‡	Brookhaven, Miss	Mississippi		1888
Miss Augusta V. Wilson	Charlestown, W. Va	Baltimore	Guadalajara, Mexico	1888
Miss Ella Granbery ‡	St. Louis, Mo	St. Louis		1888
Miss A. Clara Chrisman*	Beauregard, Miss	Mississippi		1889
Miss Ella Yarrell †	Emporia, Va	Virginia		1889
Miss Lida Howell ‡*	Duluth, Ga	North Georgia		1889
Miss Lizzie Wilson	Newport, Ky	Kentucky	Chihuahua, Mexico	1889
Mrs A. E. McClendon	West Point, Ga	North Georgia	Laredo, Tex	1889
Miss Ellie B. Tydings	Anthony, Fla	Florida	Durango, Mexico	1889
Miss Flora Baker †	West Point, Ga	North Georgia		1889
Miss Lula Ross †	Greensboro, Ala	Alabama		1889
Miss Sallie M. Phillips ‡	Homer, La	Louisiana		1889
Miss Mattie Dorsey	Charlestown, W. Va	Baltimore	Guadalajara, Mexico	1890
Mrs. E. E. Brelsford †	Princeton, Ky	Louisville		1890

Miss May Littleton Smithey ‡	Jetersville, Va	Virginia		1890
Miss Helen L. Richardson	St. Louis, Mo	St. Louis	Soochow, China	1890
Miss Mary Turner ‡	Sharpsburg, Ky	Kentucky	Durango, Mexico	1890
Miss Lucy Harper	Georgetown, Tex	Texas	Chihuahua, Mexico	1890
Miss Kate P. Fannin †	Blountstown, Fla	Florida		1890
Miss Mollie F. Brown †	Austin, Tex	North Texas		1891
Miss Kate C. McFarren	Durango, Mexico		Durango, Mexico	1891
Miss Alice G. Waters	Murray, Ky	Memphis	Shanghai, China	1892
Miss Martha Pyles	Roscoe, Mo	Southwest Missouri	Soochow, China	1892
Miss Minnie Bomar	Marshall, Tex	East Texas	Shanghai, China	1892
Miss Sue P. Blake ‡	Micecosukee, Fla	Florida		1892
Mrs. Julia Gaither	Oxford, Ga	North Georgia	Shanghai, China	1892
Miss Emma Gary	Royston, Ga	North Georgia	Soochow, China	1892
Miss Sallie B. Reynolds ‡	Columbia, S. C	South Carolina		1892
Miss Alice Moore †	Oxford, Ga	North Georgia		1892
Miss Susan Littlejohn ‡	Pacolet, S. C	South Carolina		1892
Miss Amelia Elerding	Naperville, Ill		São Paulo, Brazil, S. A	1892
Miss Delia Holding	Somerset, Ky	Kentucky	Laredo, Tex	1892
Miss Bessie Moore ‡	Savannah, Tenn	Tennessee		1893
Miss Anne Walter, M.D	Holly Springs, Miss	North Mississippi		1893
Miss Layona Glenn	Conyers, Ga	North Georgia	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A	1894
Miss Esther Case	Batesville, Ark	White River	Guadalajara, Mexico	1894
Miss Clara Steger	Mountain Grove, Mo	Southwest Missouri	Shanghai, China	1894
Miss Ella Coffey	Long Mountain, Va	Virginia	Shanghai, China	1894
Miss Willie Bowman	St. Louis, Mo	Missouri	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A	1895
Miss Eliza Perkinson	Salisbury, Mo	Missouri	Juiz de Fora, Brazil, S. A	1895
Miss May Umberger	Wytheville, Va	Holston	Petropolis, Brazil, S. A	1895
Miss Hardynia Norville	Livingston, Ala	Alabama	City of Mexico, Mexico	1895
Miss Hattie Carson	Savannah, Ga	South Georgia	Santiago, Cuba	1895
Miss Viola Blackburn	Holly Springs, Miss	North Mississippi	San Luis Potosi, Mexico	1895
Miss Lizzie Martin	Chapel Hill, N. C	North Carolina	Soochow, China	1896
Miss Johnnie Sanders	Union, S. C	South Carolina	Shanghai, China	1896
Miss E. D. Leveritt	High Shoals, Ga	North Georgia	Sung-kiang, China	1896
Miss Margaret Polk, M.D	Perryville, Ky	Kentucky	Soochow, China	1896
Miss Lily A. Stradley	Granbury, Tex	Northwest Texas	Piracicaba, Brazil, S. A	1896
Miss Ida Shaffer	Carrollton, Mo	Missouri	Juiz de Fora, Brazil, S. A	1896
Miss Edith Park	Galveston, Tex	Texas	Laredo, Tex	1896
Miss Susie E. Williams	San Francisco, Cal	Pacific	Soochow, China	1897
Miss L. V. Wright	Baltimore, Md	Baltimore	Mexico	1897
Miss Mary L. Richardson	St. Louis, Mo	St. Louis	China	1897
Miss Leonora D. Smith	Eclectic, Ala	Alabama	Piracicaba, Brazil, S. A	1897
Miss Annie Churchill			Mexico	1897
Miss Fannie Hinds	Mt. Sterling, Ky		Seoul, Korea	1898
Miss Mary Pescud	Raleigh, N. C	North Carolina	Juiz de Fora, Brazil, S. A	1898
Miss Fannie B. Moling	McCall, Mo	Missouri	City of Mexico, Mexico	1899
Miss Lela McNemar	Edwards, Miss	Mississippi	Saltillo, Mexico	1899
Miss Clara B. Fullerton	Louisville, Ky	Louisville	Brazil	1899
Miss Mollie Cessna	Oxford, Miss	North Mississippi	China	1899
Miss Arrenna Carroll	Mt. Crawford, Va	Baltimore	Korea	1899

* Deceased. † Not now employed. ‡ Married.

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, ETC.

CONSTITUTION OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. This society shall be called the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. II. The objects of this Society shall be to enlist and to unite the efforts of women and children in the gospel to women and children in foreign lands, on our border and among the Indian tribes of our own country, through the agency of female missionaries, teachers, physicians, and Bible readers. The missionaries, teachers, physicians, and Bible readers employed by the Woman's Board shall be subject to the appointing power of the bishop having charge of the mission field in which they labor.

ART. III. The work shall be accomplished by organizing societies in each charge, and Conference Societies in each Conference, and shall be controlled by an executive body to be known as the "Woman's Board of Foreign Missions."

ART. IV. The Board shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, one or more Secretaries, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, and six managers (to be elected quadrennially by the Woman's Board at the annual meeting next succeeding the session of the General Conference), and the Corresponding Secretaries, or alternates, of the Conference Societies. The Secretaries of the Board of Missions shall be honorary members of the Woman's Board.

ART. V. The operations of this Woman's Board shall be conducted in connection with the Board of Missions and subject to its advice and approval. When appropriations are made, the funds shall be sent in such manner and to meet such purposes as the Woman's Board shall direct.

ART. VI. The Woman's Board shall meet annually to determine what fields shall be occupied, the number of persons to be employed in each, and to estimate and appropriate the amount necessary for the support of the missions under its charge. A majority shall constitute a quorum to transact business at the annual meetings; five shall be a quorum for monthly or called meetings. The transactions of the monthly or called meetings shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of the ensuing annual meeting. The Woman's Board shall, within thirty days after its annual session, send to the General Board a full account of its operations and plans, to be considered and, so far as necessary, acted upon by the General Board; and a sufficient summary of such report of the Woman's Board shall be published as a part of the annual report of the General Board, in order to present to the Church a complete statement of what we are doing in missions.

ART. VII. The Woman's Board shall have authority to establish and

maintain a Bible and training school under its auspices, control, and management, for the education of missionaries and other Christian workers, provided that the collections of this society shall not be used for said school except such as may be specially given for that purpose.

ART. VIII. The funds of this Board shall be derived from private efforts, from membership, life and honorary membership fees, from devises and bequests, and from public collections only at meetings appointed in behalf of the Society.

ART. IX. The President shall preside at all the meetings, and countersign all orders on the treasury. In her absence a Vice President shall preside, and in the absence of the Vice Presidents a chairman shall be appointed *pro tem.*

ART. X. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence and attend to the legal business of the Board, prepare the annual report, publish quarterly statements of the condition of the work, both at home and in the foreign field, and give all orders on the Treasurer. The Corresponding Secretary shall reside where the Board of Missions is located.

ART. XI. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Board in safe deposit, which deposit shall be made by her as Treasurer, subject to authenticated drafts. She shall furnish annual and quarterly reports, to be published with those of the Corresponding Secretary, and her accounts shall be audited by the Treasurer of the Board of Missions. The Treasurer shall reside where the Board of Missions is located.

ART. XII. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all the meetings in a permanent record, and obtain the signature of the President as approved.

ART. XIII. An auditor shall be elected to audit the accounts of the society.

ART. XIV. When vacancies occur in the interval of the annual meetings, the Board shall fill said vacancies until the next annual meeting.

ART. XV. Three of the six managers shall be members of any one of the auxiliary societies at the place where the Board of Missions is located, and the remaining three shall represent severally the eastern, the southern, and western sections of the Church.

ART. XVI. Every school or hospital established by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions shall send reports (such as are made to the Woman's Board) to the District and Annual Conferences within whose bounds such school or hospital may be situated. The auxiliaries may send reports to the Quarterly Conferences of the charges with which they are associated.

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society in whose precincts the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions is to be held, after consulting with the executive officers of said Board, shall fix the date of meeting and arrange for anniversary exercises. If for any cause it should become necessary, in the interim of the

annual meetings of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, to change the place selected to hold the next annual meeting, it can be done by consent of the executive officers and managers of the Board.

2. The traveling expenses of officers and managers and returned missionaries to and from the meetings of the Board shall be paid from the treasury.

3. The opening exercises of each annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions shall be held the evening before the regular business meeting commences.

4. The officers and managers of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions shall nominate the standing committees.

5. Whenever the interest of the work demands it, the Corresponding Secretary shall call a meeting of the Board to provide for emergencies that may arise during the intervals of the annual meetings. A secretary shall be elected, and in the absence of the President and Vice President the members shall appoint a chairman at each meeting.

6. No new work shall be projected and no money outside of the contingent fund shall be appropriated at these meetings.

7. The Corresponding Secretary shall present to the called meetings of the Board all applications received by her from missionary candidates.

8. The minutes of these sessions shall be presented by the Corresponding Secretary to the Board in annual session.

9. The Editors of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* and *Little Worker* and the Treasurer of the Memorial Fund shall be elected quadrennially.

10. The by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote.

Rules of Order.

(*a*) Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.

(*b*) All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

(*c*) Ladies shall rise when they address the Chair.

(*d*) No member shall leave the room without the permission of the Chair.

Order of Business.

For Opening Business Sessions of Annual Meetings of Woman's Board of Foreign Missions.

1. Roll call.
2. Reading minutes of opening session.
3. Report of Local Board.
4. Announcement of standing committees.
5. Presentation of plans and estimates for foreign work, and papers to be referred to committee.
6. Miscellaneous business.

Order of Business.

For Regular Daily Sessions.

1. Roll call.
2. Reading of minutes.
3. Reports from standing committees.
4. Reports of special committees.
5. Miscellaneous business.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

A Conference Society should be formed by the election of a President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and a Secretary for each district.

These shall be appointed in the first instance by the Annual Conference, or a convention called for the purpose of organizing, and elected thereafter at the annual meetings by ballot. After organization a Conference Society shall consist of the officers named above and a delegate from each society.

By-Laws.

Section 1. The executive officers shall constitute a committee to transact business in the intervals of the annual meetings. Three shall constitute a quorum. A reserve shall be elected at the annual session of the Conference Society to attend the meetings of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary. In all cases care must be taken to send the reserve property accredited. The duties of the reserve shall cease upon the adjournment of the Board. If neither the Corresponding Secretary nor the reserve elect can attend, some one may be appointed by the President and Corresponding Secretary.

Sec. 2. The President (or Vice President) shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee. The President shall countersign all drafts on the treasury for necessary Conference expenses.

Sec. 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society with the auxiliaries, and shall herself (or through the District Secretary, as she may direct) supply them with such missionary matter as she may obtain for gratuitous distribution. It shall be her duty to use all practicable means for the organization of auxiliaries, and forward promptly reports of organization and number of members to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board. She must send promptly quarterly reports to the Secretary on the 20th of June, September, December, and March; also an annual report, giving all statistics in full the last quarter preceding the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. She shall sign all drafts on the treasury.

Sec. 4. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee, and keep the minutes of the same on record.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer shall receive and keep on deposit all funds of the society, keeping an account with each auxiliary, and submitting the same annually to the auditor. She must send reports promptly on the 20th of June, September, December, and March, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, therewith transmitting all the funds in the treasury. She must keep an account of the expenses of the Conference Society, and send the same with her quarterly report to the Treasurer. An itemized copy of said reports must be furnished the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

Sec. 6. The District Secretary shall organize auxiliaries, and use every available means to promote the advancement of the Woman's Foreign

Missionary Society in her district. She (or a representative appointed by her) shall present a report of the work at the District Conference, and shall hold an annual meeting in the district (composed of delegates from auxiliaries), and an all-day meeting whenever practicable. If the Conference Corresponding Secretary so direct, the District Secretary shall conduct the correspondence with auxiliaries, and send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society. It shall be her duty to do all in her power to obtain subscribers to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and see to the collection of the contingent fund for Conference expenses.

SEC. 7. Conference and Auxiliary Societies shall not project new work in the mission fields.

SEC. 8. Conference Societies shall provide a contingent fund for defraying necessary expenses, which, if insufficient, may be supplemented from the treasury.

SEC. 9. The regular dues of the auxiliary societies, adult and juvenile, also funds contributed to make life members, honorary members, and life patrons, shall not be devoted to specific work.

SEC. 10. The funds, outside of dues collected within the auxiliaries to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, adult or juvenile, shall not be directed to any specific work, without obtaining the consent of the Woman's Board, and with the understanding that such work is in accordance with the plans of this Board.

SEC. 11. The sum paid for a life membership ($20) shall go into the general fund to send out missionaries, to sustain the work already projected, and to extend it. Such money cannot be used for Bible women, scholarships, or any special. Mite box collections and thank offerings may be used to make life members, provided they are not reported twice—that is, as life membership and thank offering.

SEC. 12. Mite box collections and thank offerings during the Week of Prayer are in all cases to be used to increase the general fund unless permission be granted by the Board to apply such funds to special work.

SEC. 13. Pledges taken by Conference Corresponding Secretaries at annual sessions of the Woman's Board must be devoted to the general fund, and cannot include Bible women, scholarships, or any other special, unless allowed by the Board.

SEC. 14. That the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions accord to the Conference Societies the privilege and right to manage their internal affairs as may best suit the needs of each Conference Society, always acting with reference to and in harmony with the constitution and by-laws given them.

SEC. 15. Credit shall not be given nor vouchers accepted by the Treasurer of the Woman's Board for funds that have not been paid into the treasury of the same.

SEC. 16. If during the year an office becomes vacant by death, resignation, or removal, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy.

SEC. 17. In those Conference Societies where the number of delegates to the annual meeting is so large that their entertainment has become

burdensome and expensive, the society is accorded the privilege of arranging its own basis of representation.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women may form an auxiliary to the Conference Society in any charge or circuit, by appointing a President, two or more Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer; these constituting a Local Executive Committee. Auxiliary Societies shall report to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board until Conference Societies may be formed in the Annual Conference where they are located.

How to Organize Auxiliary Societies.

Whenever any number of ladies can be convened for the purpose, let the work be brought before them by the pastor or some lady, urging the claims of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; then organize by appointing a chairman and secretary *pro tem.*

Let one or more ladies pass around with slips of paper to secure members. The chairman shall then call for a nominating committee, preliminary to the election of officers. When the report of the nominating committee is adopted the officers are elected.

The constitution and by-laws provided for auxiliaries should then be read and adopted. The time for holding the monthly meetings may be determined, and subscribers obtained for the *Woman's Missionary Advocate.*

As soon as organized the Corresponding Secretary of the auxiliary shall fill a blank report of organization, and forward to the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

Constitution and By-Laws.

Printed for Information and Use in the Organization of Auxiliaries.

Article 1. This society shall be called the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of ——, auxiliary to the —— Conference Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

Art. 2. The object of this society shall be to aid Christian women and children in the evangelization of women and children in our mission fields, and to raise the funds for this work.

Art. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of ten cents a month may become a member of this society; and any person contributing $5 per quarter for one year, or $20 at one time, may be a life member.

Art. 4. Meetings of the society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held once a month. The anniversary of each society shall, if practicable, be held in March, at which time the reports of the Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers shall be read, and officers of the ensuing year be elected by ballot. The delegate and the reserve to the annual meeting of the Conference Society shall be elected by ballot at the same time.

By-Laws.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the society, and to advance its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to perform the duties of the

President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the society. It shall also be her duty to send quarterly reports not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, or the District Secretary, as the Conference Secretary may direct. She (or the appointed agent) shall bring up the claims of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* at every monthly meeting, and try to obtain subscribers.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and to provide the pastor with written notices of the meetings.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members and to hold in trust the funds of the society, keeping a book account, and remitting to the Conference Treasurer not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March; also at the same time to furnish the auxiliary Corresponding Secretary a statement of amount remitted. Collectors may be appointed to assist the Treasurer.

6. There shall be a committee of three to provide missionary reading for monthly and quarterly meetings.

7. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, when reports of the work shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase general missionary intelligence and zeal, as well as earnestness in the special work of the society.

8. Each member of the society shall try to induce others to become members, and do what she can to add to the interest, remembering in prayer her society, its workers, its missionaries, schools, etc., connected with the general work.

9. If an office becomes vacant by death, resignation, or removal, such vacancy must be filled as soon as possible.

10. Order of exercises for monthly meetings: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) reading and approval of minutes; (3) report of Corresponding Secretary; (4) report of Treasurer; (5) report of Literary Committee; (6) miscellaneous business; (7) report of what each member has done for the society during the month; (8) adjournment.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

Constitution.

Article 1. This society shall be called ———.

Art. 2. Its objects shall be to aid the operations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; to increase contributions; to cultivate piety and systematic giving; and to increase missionary intelligence.

Art. 3. Its officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Art. 4. The society shall be under the superintendence of a Lady Manager, who shall be elected by the adult auxiliary where the two societies

exist; otherwise by the juvenile society. It shall be the duty of the Lady Manager to assist and encourage the society to advance the cause of missions in accordance with the general rules governing the auxiliary societies, and in no case advocating any action independent of the Conference Society.

ART. 5. Every member of the society must be pledged to contribute five cents monthly.

ART. 6. Any one may become an honorary member of the society by the payment of $5, or a life member by the payment of $10.

BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the society, and advance its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the society. It shall also be her duty to send quarterly reports, not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, giving the *status* of the society. A copy of this report shall be sent to the District Secretary.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and to provide the pastor with written notices of the meetings.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of the members, and to hold in trust the funds of the society, keeping a book account, and remitting to the Conference Treasurer not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March; also at the same time to furnish the auxiliary Corresponding Secretary a statement of amount remitted. Collectors may be appointed to assist the Treasurer.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

1. All missionaries in the employ of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions must work under the advice and approval of this Board, and conform to the general plan of work in the mission to which she is appointed. "Every school or hospital established by the Board shall send reports (such as are made to the Woman's Board) to the District and Annual Conferences within whose bounds such school or hospital may be situated."

2. To secure organization and unity in the mission field every missionary of the Woman's Board is expected to work under the advice and in harmonious relation with the agent appointed over that part of the field to which she has been assigned, through whom she will receive all instructions and all funds, and send quarterly and annual reports to the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board.

3. Every missionary is authorized to conduct the internal affairs of her department as she thinks best suited to the surroundings, to secure good results; provided always that her plans are in harmony with the general

plans of the agent in charge of her district, and meet the approval of the Woman's Board.

4. Before sending their annual reports the missionaries of the Woman's Board, and the wives of missionaries engaged in work for this Board, must hold an annual meeting to consider plans and estimates; and these, with the annual reports of the work, must be forwarded promptly by the agent to the Corresponding Secretary. All the representatives must, if possible, attend this meeting to consider and compare methods of work in their several departments.

5. That ample time be allotted missionaries for the study of the language the first year of their stay in the field—certainly not less than three hours a day. Should circumstances prevent sufficient study the first year, that the missionaries continue the second year with salary and work of the first year.

6. That the missionaries shall not turn aside from the work assigned them by the Board, through the agent, without permission of the Board; and that as much as possible, in addition to school work, house-to-house visiting among the natives, either by the Bible women under the supervision of the missionary or by the missionary herself, be kept up.

7. That missionaries present their needs to the Board, and not to the Church at large through its periodicals, nor to societies privately without permission of the Board.

8. That our mission schools be used solely for the objects had in view in their erection. Any pupils who complete the course of study in our schools, and wish to take a normal training in the government school, may continue to live in the mission for two years longer for the purpose, paying a reasonable board.

9. All donations received for the work must be mentioned in the annual reports.

10. The action of the Woman's Board will be communicated to the agents officially by the Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

11. Missionaries must not involve the Society in any expense the estimate of which has not been submitted to and approved by the Board in annual session.

12. Under no circumstances shall new work be opened without the consent of the Woman's Board. Missionaries are not permitted to make public or private appeals for funds to aid in support of their work without the knowledge and approval of the Board, and such appeals must be made through the Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

13. Medical missionaries must keep itemized accounts of receipts and disbursements, sending quarterly and annual reports of the same to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board. Such receipts may be used by them for needful expenses in their work. If there is any surplus, it must be placed in the treasury in the field, and accredited as receipts arising from the practice of medical missionaries. The medical outfit is the property of the Board.

14. That any surplus accruing from exchange or other causes be reported quarterly, but held in the treasury in the field until the close of the fiscal year, unless in case of an emergency the Board authorizes its use for any

purpose, other than that mentioned in the estimates, or accorded in the appropriations.

15. If a missionary in the employ of the Woman's Board, or an accepted candidate, evinces any unfitness for the work, the agreement may be canceled, and, after giving her three months' notice, she may be recalled by the Board. Her expenses home will be paid, provided she returns within the time specified.

16. In order to conserve health and strength every missionary is advised to so arrange her work as to allow every year at least one month of vacation, in which there shall be a cessation of regular work, and which shall be spent, if possible, away from her station.

17. Should a missionary desire her expenses paid to return home for any other cause than that of ill health, she must in every case give her reasons, and obtain leave of absence from the Woman's Board through the agent in charge of her field.

18. Missionaries must give their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as ample salary to meet their temporal necessities is paid them by the Board.

19. A missionary who is at home to rest and to recover health will not be expected to take up any special work for three months after reaching the home land, and for three months before returning to the mission field, but she will be expected to be present at the first annual meeting of the Board after her arrival home. Her expenses to and from the place of meeting will be paid by the Board.

20. The duties of our missionaries for the first year in the field must be so arranged that the greater part of their time may be given to the study of the language, and their salaries for that year shall be $500. Medical missionaries are not included in this provision.

21. Every missionary employed by the Woman's Board is required to comply with the above conditions, and to remember always her promise given under the head of "Questions to Missionary Candidates," No. 16.

MANUAL FOR MISSIONARY CANDIDATES AND FOR MISSIONARIES.

This manual is intended for those who desire to engage in missionary work under the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It is intended to serve instead of so many written and verbal inquiries, and it is presumed that candidates and missionaries will carefully read its contents.

Qualifications.

The same general qualifications are requisite which are considered conditions of success at home: a sound physical constitution; intellectual ability; practical experience; adaptation to all circumstances and to persons of all classes; a cheerful, hopeful spirit; persistent energy in carrying out the plans of the Board—all controlled by a singleness of purpose and devotion to the cause of Christ. Facility in acquiring a foreign tongue is a valuable qualification, also a practical knowledge of domestic work is almost a necessity.

REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. The papers of a missionary candidate must be presented first to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society in which she resides, in time to be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board *not less than three months before the annual meeting* of the Woman's Board. The Conference Executive Committee must seek a personal acquaintance with the candidate, and know something of her character and history, before her papers are forwarded to the Secretary of the Board.

2. The papers must be references from the pastor and Sunday school superintendent of the church in which the candidate holds her membership; from the president of the college where she was educated, and where she has taught; also from persons who have had good opportunities for knowing the candidate, her acquirements, capabilities, and Christian character. The candidate herself must write her application to the Board, giving a brief history of her life; telling her age, place of residence, where educated, for whom and where she has taught, her religious experience and motives for wishing to enter missionary service. She should state particularly whether she has a sound constitution, and the condition of her health at the time; also any facts about herself which might prevent her acceptance.

3. She must furnish a health certificate from a competent physician, and answer satisfactorily the questions under that head. It is important that she be examined by a specialist for the ear, eye, throat, and lungs; and also secure a certificate from him of the soundness of these organs.

4. In the case of a medical missionary, in addition to the usual testimonials, she must secure certificates from the professors of the medical college in which she has taken the course.

5. Whereas the value of our training school has been demonstrated in testing as well as training candidates for foreign missionary work; therefore,

Resolved, That hereafter all missionary candidates, unless they be exceptionally qualified by practical experience as Christian workers or teachers, be required to take the course of study prescribed in the Scarritt Bible and Training School before acceptance by the Board.

6. The age of the candidate must not be less than twenty-five years nor more than thirty-five. Superior qualifications and circumstances may justify a deviation from this rule.

7. The testimonials of a missionary candidate may be summed up as follows: Health, education, capabilities for teaching, executive and financial ability, with a general fitness for the work, and a consecrated purpose. These are essential qualities in mission work.

8. No candidate will be accepted unless she will promise to give five years of service to the Woman's Board from the time she reaches the field, unless her health should fail. She must sign an agreement to this effect: "If I voluntarily leave the service of the Board for any other cause than ill health before the expiration of five years, I promise to refund to the Board the amount paid for my outfit and traveling expenses." This does not imply that her obligation for service ceases at the end of five years, but that she is bound for this length of time to refund the amount of outfit and travel if she leaves the work before the time expires. She must give six months no-

tice to the Board of her intention to leave the work, or forfeit her salary for that length of time.

9. Her preferences for a field will be considered, but it is expected that she will acquiesce in the decision and judgment of the Board.

10. Every candidate is required to come before either the committee in Nashville or before the Woman's Board in annual session.

11. If a candidate has been accepted or recommended for acceptance by the committee in Nashville, it is not necessary for her papers to come before the Committee on Missionary Candidates at the annual meeting.

12. After her acceptance the candidate must consider herself under the guidance of the Board in the interim of her departure for her appointed field.

13. The traveling expenses of a candidate are paid from her home to the mission field. A sufficient sum is granted for her personal outfit. Her salary does not begin until she reaches her field of labor. The salary of a missionary is not to be regarded in any sense as *compensation* for labor performed, nor is it graded to suit the different abilities of the individuals, as in the ordinary business occupations of life. The amount received by the missionary is supposed to be what is necessary for her support while in the field. Compensation for this service will be found in the privilege of teaching the truth as it is in Christ to the Gentiles.

Questions to Candidates.

(Questions to be copied and answers to be written opposite.)

1. Do you feel that your heart is moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary?
2. (*a*) Are you a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South?
   (*b*) How long have you been a member?
3. Do you subscribe to the doctrines of this Church?
4. Is it your desire and intention to make the work of foreign missions your life work?
5. Are you willing to go to any field?
6. Have you had experience in Christian work?
7. Have you a good English education?
8. (*a*) Have you studied any ancient or modern language?
   (*b*) Do you acquire such with ease?
9. Have you taught school; where, and with what success?
10. Can you teach music, vocal or instrumental?
11. (*a*) What is the condition of your health?
    (*b*) Are you predisposed to any physical weakness?
12. What is your age?
13. (*a*) Have you ever applied to other Mission Boards or Societies?
    (*b*) Were you refused, and for what cause?
14. Have you ever married? If so, is your husband living?
15. Will you promise to keep the following conditions: "If you labor with us in the Lord's vineyard, it is needful that you do that part of the work which we advise, at those time and places which we judge most for his glory?"

16. Do you agree to conform to all the requirements of the Woman's Board while in its service?

CERTIFICATE OF HEALTH.

(Questions to be copied, and answers to be written opposite by the examining physician.)

1. How long have you known this person?
2. Has your acquaintance been such as to enable you to know particularly of her health and physical tendencies?
3. Are her habits active or sedentary?
4. (*a*) Has she had the usual diseases of childhood?
   (*b*) Have they affected her constitution in any way?
5. Has she had any serious illness, local disease, or personal injury? If so, of what nature, how long since, and has she entirely recovered from it?
6. Has she been successfully vaccinated?
7. Have her grandparents, parents, brothers, or sisters ever had mental derangement, nervous disease, pulmonary complaint, heart difficulties, scrofula, or any serious disease tending to shorten life?
8. Is she subject to any physical weakness, or diseases peculiar to women?
9. Are her eyes in a healthful condition?
10. Has she any tendency to deafness?
11. Is her health strong and vigorous at this time?

ABSTRACT FROM BISHOPS' ADDRESS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE, MAY, 1898.

It would be unjust to our Church not to mention in this connection the admirable service our godly women are rendering. They are not men, and do not seek to be, but are what God intended them: helpmeets for men—just as meet in the Church as in the family, and just as valuable, not to say indispensable. The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions is now just twenty years old. Already they have fifty missionaries in the foreign field, and one hundred and thirty-two native helpers and teachers, and thirty-seven Bible women, making a total force of two hundred and nineteen; while the General Board has one hundred and four missionaries, eighty-nine native traveling preachers, and one hundred and two native helpers, a total of two hundred and ninety-five workers—a force eighty-four more in numbers than theirs, a comparative result most favorable to the women, both in industry and financial skill, when the time of operation and available resources are considered. Within twenty years they have raised $1,214,321.75, of which $307,800.01 has been secured this quadrennium. Mrs. D. H. McGavock, the faithful and efficient General Secretary of this Society from its organization, passed to her reward December 23, 1896.

THE SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

As a part of their work should be mentioned the Scarritt Bible and Training School for Missionaries and Other Christian Workers, which has demonstrated the need and wisdom of its creation, to train for both the foreign and home fields the young women of our Church. Its graduates and representatives are now in our several mission fields, and the demand for

such trained workers is constantly increasing. The trained nurses from its wards, after two years' instruction and clinical experience, take with them the needed skill in ministering at the bedside, while the Christian atmosphere of the institution prepares them to become Christian workers no less than trained nurses. There has been a gratifying increase both in the endowment and attendance of students.

FROM MINUTES OF GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS, MAY, 1899.

The report of the Committee on the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society gratefully recognize the admirable work which is being done by the representatives of this Society. We express our sympathy with them in our plans of enlargement. We rejoice in their success, and recommend the reception of the report as presented by Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary, and its engrossment upon our minutes.

J. C. Granbery,
James Atkins,
W. R. Lambuth.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ADVOCATE.

The *Woman's Missionary Advocate* is the official organ of the Society. The editor is elected quadrennially by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. This paper is published monthly. The address of the Editor and Agent is: Mrs. F. A. Butler, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn. Terms, 50 cents per annum, in advance.

LITTLE WORKER.

The *Little Worker* is the juvenile paper issued by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Editor, Miss Annie Maria Barnes, Duluth, Ga. Terms, 10 cents per annum, in advance.

LEAFLETS.

Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Editor and Publisher, 2408 Madison Avenue, Baltimore, Md. Leaflets can be obtained from Miss Lena Freeman, Agent of *Little Worker* and Leaflets, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.; also from the Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

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MEMBERSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENTS TO THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The payment of ten cents a month for adults, and five cents a month for juveniles, constitutes a member for one year. Twenty dollars constitutes a *life member;* ten dollars, a juvenile life member. One hundred dollars will make an honorary life member. Three hundred dollars will make an honorary life patron.

Forty dollars supports a scholarship in the foreign field. Sixty dollars supports a Bible woman.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, $——, or ——, to be paid or conveyed to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions (the executive body of the Society), whose receipt therefor shall be acquittance to my executors.

FORM OF DEVISE.

I hereby give and devise absolutely and in fee simple to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, the following real estate: [adding such description as shall fully identify the particular real estate intended.]

Note.—Prompt notice of bequests and devises should be given to Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Corresponding Secretary, Woman's Board.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was incorporated in January, 1879, in the city of Nashville, according to the laws of the State of Tennessee. The five incorporators were: Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Mrs. Amelia T. McTyeire, Mrs. Martha Whitworth, Mrs. Ella Lupton, Mrs. S. R. Manier.

PERIODICALS RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE AND USE IN SOCIETIES.

Review of Missions, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

Missionary Review of the World, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York.

Woman's Work for Women and *Our Mission Fields*, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Life and Light for Women, Congregational House, Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Heathen Woman's Friend, Miss P. J. Walden, 36 Bromfield Street, Boston, Mass.

Missionary Herald, American Board.

Missionary Link, W. U. M. S.

Spirit of Missions, Episcopal.

Lutheran Missionary Journal.

Helping Hand, Baptist.

Woman's Missionary Advocate, Mrs. F. A. Butler, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

Little Worker, Miss Annie Maria Barnes, Duluth, Ga.

Woman's Work in the far East, published quarterly, Shanghai, China.

Report of the Missionary Conference, London, 1888.

Maps of China, Brazil, and Mexico, prepared by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, are for sale at the office of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate.* Price on paper, $1.10; mounted on cloth, $2.10. Address Mrs. F. A. Butler, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

"Mission Studies." A Brief Sketch of Missions in Many Lands. By Mrs. F. A. Butler. 12mo. Price, $1; postage, 10 cents.

"A Circuit of the Globe." By Bishop C. B. Galloway. Price, $1; postage, 10 cents.

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The above publications may be had by sending orders to Barbee & Smith, Agents, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

"Memorial of Dora Rankin." By Mrs. E. D. Fielder. Price, 30 cents.

"Oak Street Missionary Society." By Mrs. S. Leech. Price, 13 cents.

"Missionary Cameos," or "Brief Sketches of Missionaries" sent out by Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Compiled by Mrs. I. G. John. Price, 20 cents.

Large map of China. Price, $1.

Send to Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Box 405, Nashville, Tenn., for these publications.

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